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Man dead after vehicle lands in river

CRASH A 21-year-old man died when his car left Highway 357 near Elderbank and landed in the river on Sunday morning.

Police were called in after 9 a.m. and they requested the help of Eastern Shore Search and Rescue to find the vehicle.

"A 21-year-old male was located about 75 metres downstream by ground search and rescue," said Cpl. Joe Taplin with the RCMP.

"He was deceased when search and rescue located him."

A traffic analyst was called in and police are waiting for his report to help figure out what happened. METRO HALIFAX

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Second World War veteran Tony Burns salutes during the Remembrance Day ceremony at Grand Parade yesterday. Burns was injured in Normandy in June of 1944. See more coverage on pg 2.

Fought for freedom

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Flecks of hail swirled around the sailor's memorial in Halifax as people laid green, purple and red Remembrance Day wreaths.

Yesterday's Point Pleasant Park ceremony paid special tribute to Canadians who lost their lives while serving at sea. As the waves lapped against the shore under mostly sunny skies, about 500 people listened to Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Edwards explain the day's significance. He said it's time to pause and express gratitude and respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and peace.

> **"Our veterans' courage, their dedication and their sacrifice helped to make the nation undertake our place in the civilized world."**
> Navy Lt. Lennett Anderson

"More than 66,000 Canadians have died and thousands and thousands of others have come home scarred, battered and maimed," Edwards said. He also mentioned the 97 Canadians who have given their lives in Afghanistan.

Navy Lt. Lennett Anderson told the audience we honour all who fought to oppose tyranny and restore peace.

"They fought for our freedom. Our veterans' courage, their dedication and their sacrifice helped to make the nation undertake our place in the civilized world," Anderson said.

"Every man and woman, even deployed today returns home a veteran worthy of our remembrance. We must never forget."

Across the city, more than a dozen Remembrance Day wreath-laying ceremonies took place yesterday.

At Grand Parade, silver cross mother Charlotte Lynn Smith, whose son Pte. Nathan Lloyd Smith died from friendly fire while serving in Afghanistan in 2002, placed a wreath on behalf of those who have lost family members in wars or while serving overseas.

At Citadel Hill, army reservists from the 1st Field Regiment fired a 21-gun salute.

Shooting leads to cop chase

SHOOTING A gunshot wound landed a man in serious condition in hospital yesterday.

When police arrived at a residence on Orchard Drive in Lower Sackville at 3:40 a.m. yesterday, they found a 25-year-old man with a single, but serious gunshot wound. He was treated by paramedics and rushed to the QEII where he remained in serious condition yesterday afternoon.

> **"The 19-year-old suspect remains in custody."**
> Cpl. Joe Taplin

"We gathered information right away and determined who the suspect was and they started searching for the vehicle," said Cpl. Joe Taplin with the RCMP.

That piece of quick police work led them to the suspect vehicle. When they put on their lights and sirens, the vehicle took off down Candlewood Court. The suspect jumped out of the car while it was still moving.

The suspect ran off into the woods and police, including Halifax Regional Police and K-9, set up perimeter checkpoints. It was at a checkpoint police found the suspect in a car driven by a woman at the corner of Florence and Sackville Drive.

"There were also two females in that vehicle that were arrested and brought back, but they were released without charges. But the 19-year-old suspect remains in custody."

Charges are still pending. JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

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Treats abound for parade of lights

Heading out to enjoy Saturday's parade of lights? The Waterfront Development Corporation is hosting a pre-parade event from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be free parking, free hot chocolate at Murphy's on the Water and the Waterfront Warehouse, and treats at Bishop's Cellar and Del Sol. METRO HALIFAX

Local

Canada Post to collect canned goods

You can make a donation to Feed Nova Scotia without leaving the house. This Saturday, just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag on your front steps (or apartment lobby) before 9 a.m., and Canada Post employees will pick it up, in some neighbourhoods. For more information, call Feed Nova Scotia at 457-1900. METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

DRUGS RCMP searched a Vaughan Lane home Monday and seized two and half pounds of marijuana, two ounces of hash, money and drug paraphernalia. Two women, aged 52 and 21, were arrested. A 21-year-old man was also arrested in his vehicle before the search.

OFFICERS An 18-year-old woman allegedly assaulted a police officer at Citadel high school on Monday. Police were sent to the school to remove a student who had been suspended and ordered not to set foot on school property. But when police got there the woman allegedly refused to leave, kicking and punching the officers.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Watch families of slain soldiers join an emotional ceremony in Kandahar at metronews.ca/canada

Forming a legion of their own

Group offers support, camaraderie for new generation of veterans

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A new generation of veterans stood watching the Remembrance Day ceremony at Grand Parade yesterday.

A small group dressed in motorcycle leathers drew a few odd glances from fellow onlookers especially those who noticed the "Canadian UN/NATO Veterans Military Group" patch on the back of their leather jackets.

Younger veterans don't really fit into the Legion crowd and wanted a way to network, said Orlando Fantini, a 22-year veteran.

"We never really had a group or an association with any military new generation because we don't fall into the First World War and Second World War guys," he said. "We're trying to represent the new veterans and some are as young as 19."

The group started nearly a year ago by a Quebec man who wanted young veterans to have a way to network. They have about 300 members now — including six in Halifax — who blog and discuss issues online.

"We're a new generation of veterans, really. We're high-tech, everybody has cameras," he said.

There are no ranks or chapters, just a "Canadian chapter," Fantini said. A person must be in, or have been in military service and have gone on UN or NATO missions to join.

And while they look like a motorcycle club, bikes aren't required.

"It's not a motorcycle group. You can have a car, or a bicycle if you want to. You need to be just a veteran, really," said Fantini, who rides a Harley.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Members of the Canadian UN/NATO Veterans Military Group attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Grand Parade yesterday. The group has around 300 members across the country.

UN/NATO group

- Supporters (family members and good friends) can join the UN/NATO Veterans Military Group, too.
- There are members in Quebec, Alberta, the Maritimes and Saskatchewan.

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Teen going to Poland to grant ill kids' wishes

WISHES Lloyd Tucker has been through heavy stuff before. But nothing that's prepared him for next week.

The 17-year-old Dartmouth High student is one of five youth leaders from LOVE, a non-profit youth violence prevention group, going to Poland to grant wishes to impoverished, terminally ill children.

"It's much bigger than me," he said. "I'm hoping I can come back with a more worldly view of what's out there and what people have to go through."

The trip is organized by Coalition for Kids International, a local non-profit group that sends teens on such trips to fulfill the dreams of dying children. Tucker and his group will meet children with cystic fibrosis, cancer and muscular dystrophy. Some wish for a cellphone, while others dream of having a battery operated car or a laptop.

Tucker says he's excited and frightened about the journey, but is in a place in life where he can give back.

A few years ago, Tucker nearly failed Grade 9. He was in and out of the hospital after attempting to take his own life. Now, he's a top student, scoring more than 95 per cent in all his classes.

He credits LOVE, which made him feel like he belonged and gave him a creative outlet in photography.

In Poland, Tucker says he wants to make children feel like they're not alone, too.

"I want to remember their smiles," he said. "Even though they're going to die, they're going to keep living with me, so maybe I can help them keep living in my heart."

In order to make the trip, participants have to raise $1,800 beforehand and another $1,800 afterwards. Tucker has about $600 left to raise before the 12-day trip next week.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Lloyd Tucker will be in Poland next week to grant wishes to terminally ill children.

$50,000 raised for accessibility projects and programs
Halifax volunteers raised over $50,000 for the sixth annual Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event June 8. Money raised will go to the Canadian Paraplegic Association, the Halifax Heat wheelchair basketball club, and help build an accessible dock for the 2008 Canadian Canoe Championships. METRO HALIFAX

City's polygraph policy under review

RYAN TAPLIN / METRO HALIFAX

Civil liberties lawyer Walter Thompson poses for a photo in front of The Law Courts yesterday. Thompson finds the HRM's practice of using a polygraph in police and fire department hires "absurd".

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Mayor Peter Kelly says the city is reviewing its use of the polygraph in police and fire department hires, after finding out candidates are asked intrusive questions about their sexual practices.

Questions range from whether the would-be hire has ever downloaded illegal software to whether they've committed incest or had sex with animals. They're also asked if they've ever hired a prostitute, helped someone hide from the law, or plagiarized someone else's work.

It's not just future police officers or firefighters who must take the test. Bylaw officers and even the dogcatcher have to do it too, because those services are controlled by Halifax Regional Police.

Civil liberties lawyer Walter Thompson says the practice is "absurd."

"I hope everybody else, like me, is appalled," Thompson said.

He said references and job interviews should be enough to determine if someone's a good candidate. "If they can't, through the ordinary due diligence of an employer, satisfy that the person is suitable for the job, then there's something wrong."

Kelly said he was "surprised" to hear the questions. Councillors and the mayor don't have to submit to the test.

"It certainly raises questions as to why we would ask those types of questions," Kelly said.

Ontario doesn't allow employers to use the polygraph in hiring, and it's not used in New Brunswick either. The city's review will be ready in weeks.

The practice came to light after a firefighter candidate complained he had to pay $350 for a polygraph test and another $125 for an "integrity interview," and ultimately wasn't hired.

A union grievance will be heard on the issue.

Acadia out as Maclean's top school

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Acadia University is no longer No. 1.

The Wolfville school that topped Maclean's magazine undergraduate rankings last year drops to No. 3 this year, the same place it was two years ago.

"Our reaction is the same even if we're first," said Scott Roberts, a university spokesman.

"It's not like it's a contest or a race of some sort. … Being continually recognized as a high quality institution is actually quite satisfying."

Mount Allison now has the top spot, while University of Northern British Columbia ranks second. Saint Mary's University in Halifax jumps one spot to 10th place.

Mount Saint Vincent stays in the same place as last year, tying with Moncton University for 15th.

Cape Breton University also remains in the same spot as last year at No. 21.

In the medical-doctoral category, Dalhousie University ranks eighth — the same as last year.

McGill tops the list, with Queen's and Toronto tying for second. University of British Columbia came third.

> **"Being continually recognized as a high-quality institution is actually quite satisfying."**
> Scott Roberts

Maclean's complete 18th-annual university ranking is in the magazine's Nov. 24 issue. It features data, as well as interviews with experts and students among other features.

Rankings are based on performance measures including students, classes, faculty, resources, student support, library and reputation.

Undergrad ranks

Last year's ranks in brackets

1 Mount Allison (1)
2 University of Northern British Columbia (4)
3 Acadia (1)
4 St. Francis Xavier (3)
5 Wilfred Laurier (6)
6 Trent (4)
7 Lethbridge (6)
7 UPEI (8)
9 Winnipeg (9)
10 Saint Mary's (11)
11 Brandon (18)
11 Lakehead (11)
13 Ryerson (11)
14 Brock (15)
15 Moncton (11)
15 Mount Saint Vincent (15)
17 Bishop's (17)
17 Laurentian (10)
19 St. Thomas (18)
20 Nipissing (20)
21 Cape Breton (21)

News in brief

TRURO The city's chief administrative officer, Jim Langille, is investigating municipal politicians' salaries. He will be looking at what other councillors make across the province and the time commitment based on the municipalities' responsibilities, such as policing. He said council had informally discussed the issue during the past year, but decided to wait until after the Oct. 18 municipal election to have a remuneration review. Langille will report his findings and recommendations back to council in December. Currently, the mayor is paid $29,530 annually while the deputy mayor, elected by his peers, makes $14,761 and councillors $12,990.

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Job opportunities fair at Westin Nova Scotian

The province is hosting its first job fair for newcomers at the Westin Nova Scotian tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Companies in aerospace engineering, IT, financial services and other industries will be there. For a full list, see www.opportunitiesns.ca/hireinternational. **METRO HALIFAX**

Animation scene 'vibrant'

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Halifax

Independent animator Jim McSwain says his craft captures the minds of the public because it's a "quasi-fantasy" world where anything is possible.

"I think it's doing very well," said McSwain, an animator since the early 1980s.

"It's doing very well in Hollywood, all the way down to the National Film Board in Canada and us independents working in Halifax."

Today is World Animation Day. To mark it, the Atlantic Filmmakers' Cooperative is screening a series of animated shorts from the National Film Board. The free event will be held in the radio room of the CBC on South Park Street.

"We are drawn to stories that take place in a fairy tale, good versus evil," said McSwain. "I think animation sort of exploits that in a very direct way."

Halifax is home to a number of nationally broadcast programs like the kids' show Lunar Jim, but there's also a thriving independent scene. They focus on short films, usually a few minutes long. McSwain says his longest project clocked in at 15 minutes.

Sileon Daley is a painter who took up animation in the mid-1990s. She says it gave her a chance to make lots of small paintings.

"I don't come at it as a storyteller, but as a painter," Daley said. "I want to make you think, and hopefully inspire."

Daley recently went on a North American tour with other female animators from Halifax. She said common themes tend to emerge in animation from different cities — and Halifax got great reaction from Americans. It's something local animators, immersed in the culture, can't always see.

"To realize how specific and unique to Halifax it was, the people reacted so positively," she said. "They were like 'Wow, Halifax looks so vibrant.'"

DEVIN STEVENS/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Halifax animator Jim McSwain, right, and assistant Dorota Forfa look over storyboards for McSwain's latest project, The Fountain of Youth.

Two men face charges in $700,000 OxyContin bust

SYDNEY Police in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality have seized 25,000 OxyContin tablets and arrested two men in what they called one of the largest busts in Canada for the powerful prescription painkiller.

The street value of the drugs, which were seized Friday evening and displayed at a press conference at Cape Breton Regional Police headquarters Monday, was estimated at about $700,000.

Christopher John Allingham, from Eastern Passage, near Halifax, and Todd Douglas Miller, from the Montreal area, are to be kept in custody until Nov. 24 on charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking in OxyContin and marijuana, and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

Ninety grams of marijuana were also seized Friday.

Acting Chief Myles Burke thought it may have been one of the largest seizures of OxyContin in Canada.

"In terms of street level seizures in this country, this would certainly rank up there as probably one of the most significant."

Drug and street crime officers arrested the two men in a parking lot on the Esplanade in Sydney, and seized the drugs during the search of a Jeep Grand Cherokee, Burke said. **THE CAPE BRETON POST**

News in brief

TRANSPORTATION Only about 40 people attended a 'Save the Ferry' rally yesterday at Cornwallis Park, but it did bring together those fighting for the preservation of the Bay of Fundy ferry service, as well as newly elected MP Greg Kerr, a member of the governing Conservative party. Kerr said that the million-dollar study announced by then-ACOA Minister Peter MacKay would look at the entire transportation needs of western Nova Scotia, not just the Bay of Fundy's ferry service. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Mass murderer released on four-hour escorted pass

The family of the victims of killer David Shearing say they were shocked to learn the convicted murderer has been granted a four-hour escorted pass from the Bowden Institution, near Red Deer, Alberta. The National Parole Board has refused to explain the reason for the leave from jail, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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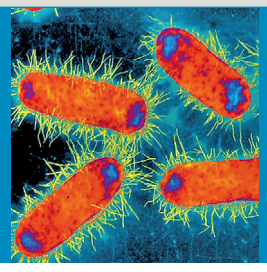

Finger pointing in E. coli outbreak

A produce supplier may be the source of an E. coli outbreak in southwestern Ontario, according to regional health authorities who say the number of cases continues to climb. While the investigation continues, no supplier has yet been identified, CBC News Online reports. As of Monday, there were 24 confirmed cases and 64 suspected cases in Niagara, Halton, Guelph and Waterloo. Many of those cases tested positive for the same strain of E. coli 0157:H7. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Honouring Chinese veterans

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

For some spectators, the Remembrance Day ceremony in Vancouver's Chinatown yesterday was more than a chance to pay respect to the nation's soldiers — it was a history lesson.

Amanda Lam, 16, who attended the ceremony with her brother, said she didn't realize Chinese-Canadians fought in the Second World War.

"It makes me feel good to know (they) participated," she said, adding that the event will let more people know the role her ancestors played.

"It makes me proud," she said.

Around 100 people gathered at Chinatown Square to recognize all Canadian soldiers, but more specifically Chinese-Canadian and First Nation veterans.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO CANADA

Chinese-Canadian veterans stand at attention during the playing of a Scottish lament during yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony in Vancouver's Chinatown.

Vic Nordquist, 75, who served in the Canadian Airforce, took part in the ceremonies at Victory Square and Chinatown Square.

"It's important that people, (especially) young people, recognize what these veterans did during the Second World War," he said.

"They played a very significant role in that war and in British Columbia itself. (Many) things (young people) have today are due to those veterans."

Tung Chan, CEO of immigrant services organization SUCCESS, said Chinese-Canadian veterans and pioneers fought for the values and freedoms Canadians pride themselves on today.

"Those pioneers and soldiers who dedicated their lives to serve the ideals of Canadian society and those who are serving us now, we offer our respect and sincere gratitude," he said.

Breastfeeding rights fight erupts in Toronto

INCIDENT A breastfeeding brouhaha has broken out at a Toronto swimming facility.

At one end of the Swim School pool is Cinira Longuinho, who wants Ontario's Human Rights Commission to investigate why she was asked to leave the water Oct. 24 while breastfeeding her 20-month-old daughter Camilla on the pool steps.

laws

- Breastfeed laws say a mother cannot be asked to nurse more discretely.

At the other end of the pool — and drowning in a sea of blogs, emails and protests — is the pregnant pool owner Ellie Karkout who said that she has no objection to breast feeding, just not in the pool.

Officials aware of this incident couldn't be reached for comment.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

LIBERALS Toronto MP Martha Hall Findlay, one of the stars of the last Liberal leadership contest, announced yesterday that she won't be running to replace Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, next May in Vancouver.

HATE CRIME A lesbian couple in Ontario, who were allegedly assaulted by a man because of their sexual orientation have asked the assault charges against him be upgraded to a hate crime. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Ski club files for bankruptcy

Exclusive ski and golf community Yellowstone Club, in Montana, has filed for bankruptcy protection, a sign that the financial crisis roiling the real estate and leisure industries is not limited to the low end of the market. REUTERS

World

Victoria's Secret being sued

The secret is out for one of the world's most recognizable lingerie brands, according to a potential class action lawsuit in which consumers claim they've experienced very uncomfortable symptoms, like rashes, hives and permanent scarring from Victoria's Secret bras, ABC News reported. "I had the welts ... very red, hot to the touch, extremely inflamed, blistery. It itched profusely," said Roberta Ritter, who describes herself as a longtime Victoria's Secret shopper. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Congo violence hurts kids

Displaced children vulnerable to disease, exploitation: UNICEF

Packed into squalid refugee camps or roaming in the bush, hundreds of thousands of Congolese children face hunger, disease, sexual abuse or recruitment by marauding armed factions, aid workers said yesterday.

Weeks of violence have forced more than 250,000 people from homes or ramshackle camps where they had taken shelter, bringing to over 1 million the number of internal refugees from years of fighting in Democratic Republic of Congo's North Kivu province.

Most are children.

"North Kivu is quite possibly the worst place to be a child. There is no question that children have been the most severely affected by the recent conflict," said George Graham, spokesman for Save the Children in the provincial capital, Goma.

Fighting between Tutsi rebels and pro-government troops and militia fighters has subsided into sporadic clashes in recent days as African leaders staged summits and leant on both sides to avert a repeat of Congo's devastating 1998-2003 regional war.

"When children flee fighting they become more vulnerable to contracting diseases, to becoming malnourished, and vulnerable to predators like sexual abuse, exploitation, violence and recruitment into armed groups," U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) spokesman Jaya Murthy told Reuters in Goma.

Sixty per cent of the 1.1 million displaced are children, he said. "We estimate that there's around 2,000 to 3,000 children in armed groups and recruitment is going on right now."

"This has been a silent emergency for children for the last five years, only now it is re-exploding — again." REUTERS

FINBARR O'REILLY/REUTERS

A girl displaced by fighting stands in a refugee camp at Kibati in eastern Congo yesterday.

Obama bolsters his web presence

INTERNET Barack Obama had a brigade of web denizens backing his election, from comedy star Obama Girl to throngs of young voters, and now they are clamouring for the Internet to play a big role in his presidency.

Obama

Early in his transition to the White House, the Democratic president-elect seems to be complying, and his actions could signal a change in the way U.S. citizens expect their political leaders to communicate with them in the future, experts said.

Obama, who has become the first president-elect with a MySpace page, has bolstered his online presence since last week's election by creating a site called change.gov.

The site has news updates on the transition and is also the place to apply for jobs in the new administration, which takes over from President Bush Jan. 20.

With his high-profile online presence, Obama faces the higher expectations of supporters who, during the election campaign, became accustomed to regular updates in video and text form and who turned social networking Web sites YouTube, MySpace and Facebook into cyber-hangouts for pro-Obama activism.

"It doesn't stop here, they are going to expect government in general to be operating under different rules now," said Michael Wood, vice president of TRU, a research company that tracks how young people use the Internet. REUTERS

4,000-year-old pyramid found buried in the Egyptian desert

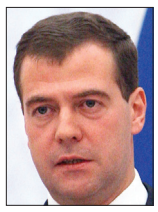
DISCOVERY Egyptian archaeologists have discovered a pyramid buried in the desert and thought to belong to the mother of a pharaoh who ruled more than 4,000 years ago, Egypt's antiquities chief said yesterday.

The pyramid, found about two months ago in the sand south of Cairo, probably housed the remains of Queen Sesheshet, the mother of King Teti, who ruled from 2323 to 2291 BC and founded Egypt's Sixth Dynasty, Zahi Hawass told reporters.

"The only queen whose pyramid is missing is Sesheshet, which is why I am sure it belonged to her," Hawass said. "This will enrich our knowledge about the Old Kingdom." REUTERS

Medvedev seeks longer term limits

LEGAL Russian President Dmitry Medvedev asked lawmakers yesterday to approve a draft law extending the presidential term of office, a change some observers say is part of a plan to bring Vladimir Putin back to the Kremlin.



Medvedev

Medvedev proposed extending the term from four to six years in a speech last week, the Kremlin said. REUTERS

Gender parity lagging: Report

EQUALITY Women still lag far behind men in top political and decision-making roles, a waste of talent given that their access to education and health care is nearly equal, the World Economic Forum said today.

In its 2008 Global Gender Gap report, the think tank ranked Norway, Finland and Sweden as the countries with the greatest equality between the sexes, while Saudi Arabia, Chad and Yemen were the least equal.

Averaging 130 national scores, the report found that girls and women have reached near-parity with their male peers in educational attainment, health and survival, in both rich and poor countries.

But economically, in terms of workforce participation and earning opportunities, and politically, in terms of empowerment, the gap between the sexes remains large.

"The world's women are nearly as educated and as healthy as men, but are nowhere to be found in terms of decision-making," said Saadia Zahidi of the World Economic Forum, a Swiss-based think tank best known for its Davos summit held in January.

"Given that women have almost closed the gap with men on health and education, it is a waste of their talents if they are not catching up in economics and politics," she said. REUTERS

Canada falling behind

- Canada fell 13 places from last year to 31st, below the United States, who ranked 27th. It's the first time the U.S. has been ranked higher than Canada since the gender gap report was launched three years ago.

News in brief

THE BEATLES A 97-year-old document that contains clues to the identity of Eleanor Rigby, the subject of one of the Beatles' best-loved songs, is expected to fetch 500,000 pounds ($927,575) when it goes on sale this month.

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A dramatic drop in the loonie has U.S. realtors worried Canadian buyers will be staying home for the winter. Canadians were the top foreign purchasers between May 2007 and May 2008, accounting for 23.6 per cent of all purchases. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Google adds video chat to its roster

ONLINE Google Inc. added a voice and video chat feature to its Gmail e-mail service yesterday, launching a free Web-based service that competes with the likes of EBay's Skype.

Gmail and Google App subscribers can now choose to speak with friends on a video screen and simultaneously instant message them in a Google Chat box.

The video screen can be popped out of the chat box and moved around a user's computer screen. Users can also change the size of the screen and expand it to full-screen size.

"The idea was to make it quicker and easier to communicate with other people by whatever means is best convenient," said a Google spokesman. **REUTERS**

Italy Airline staff strike

REUTERS/MAX ROSSI

Passengers walk with their luggage in front an advertisement banner reading Fiumicino flights at the Fiumicino International airport in Rome yesterday. Dozens of Alitalia flights were cancelled for a second day yesterday after staff protested against a takeover by a business consortium.

Business in brief

AUTOS General Motors Corp.'s shares plummeted 13 per cent to a 65-year low of $2.92 US yesterday, on concerns the automaker might run out of cash by early next year. Shares of other automakers and parts suppliers declined across the board. **REUTERS**

Bankruptcies poised to rise

There will be a steady upward march in personal and business bankruptcy filings in Canada as overspending and falling home prices catch up with individuals and as a slowing economy hurts businesses, experts in the field say.

"We're definitely seeing an increase (in calls), I think that people are caught, they've been living on credit," said Linda Stern, vice-president of personal restructuring services at Deloitte & Touche Inc. in Toronto.

Stern estimates her office is working on 30 per cent more filings — actual bankruptcies or proposals to pay off a portion of debt — than this time last year.

Her colleague, Rebecca McKinley, a trustee at Deloitte in Windsor, Ont., said her office is dealing with about 17 per cent more bankruptcies than last year.

"In the past year I have seen more and more instances of people who cannot afford their mortgages," while their house values also dropped, McKinley said. **REUTERS**

By the numbers

In Canada, total bankruptcies in September jumped 28.4 per cent from the same month a year earlier. Individual bankruptcies were up nearly 30 per cent nationwide, and businesses also posted a 9 per cent increase.

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Addressing an elephant

Various failures at national reconciliation have left us comatose

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan
Journalist & media consultant

A lot of ink has been spilt on the failure of the recent Canadian election to match the sizzle of the U.S. presidential race.

The consensus seems to be that the U.S. election was historic; the Canadian election was, at best, histrionic. And if you watched the candidates all screeching at each other in that ridiculous travesty of a televised debate, you'd have a hard time disagreeing.

But as I watch Stephen Harper govern the nation virtually by default, I think it's time to address the elephant in the room. Simply put, the U.S. election was so uplifting because the American people united behind Barack Obama, if only for a brief, shining moment.

Here in Canada, the Bloc Québécois increased its number of seats to 49 from 48.

I mean, really, what kind of country allows a separatist party to hold the balance of power? In other countries, separatists meet at night in clandestine locations, identifying each other by the secret handshake. Here, they put up lawn signs and get fat pensions funded by the very taxpayers they repudiate.

They're not even polite about it.

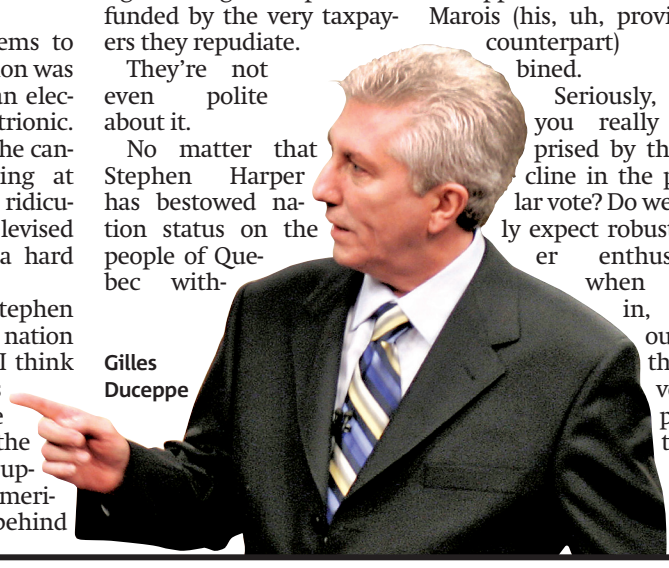
No matter that Stephen Harper has bestowed nation status on the people of Quebec without any of the attendant responsibility — I can only assume chief Blochead Gilles Duceppe will continue his truculent demands long after the only establishments flying the Canadian flag in Quebec are the hotels.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not opposed to Quebec sovereignty if that is the will of the people. But in my darker moments, I suspect I'm more willing to see Quebec fly on its own than Gilles Duceppe and Pauline Marois (his, uh, provincial counterpart) combined.

Seriously, are you really surprised by the decline in the popular vote? Do we really expect robust voter enthusiasm when year in, year out, the very party that wants to break the country in half controls the balance of power? How can we move forward as a nation when the representatives of a huge part of the nation are determined to go the other way?

My apologies for bringing up the old bugaboo of national unity. But our various failures at national reconciliation have made us comatose, which appears to be the ideal condition for the permanent infestation of Parliament by the Bloc Québécois, a daily reminder that any enthusiasm we have for Canada is misplaced, jejune, just plain wrong.

I yearn for a Barack Obama who can bring us all together. But failing that, at the very least, I hope that the prime minister of Canada will finally begin to stand up to the presence — in his own Parliament — that thrives on keeping us apart.



Gilles Duceppe

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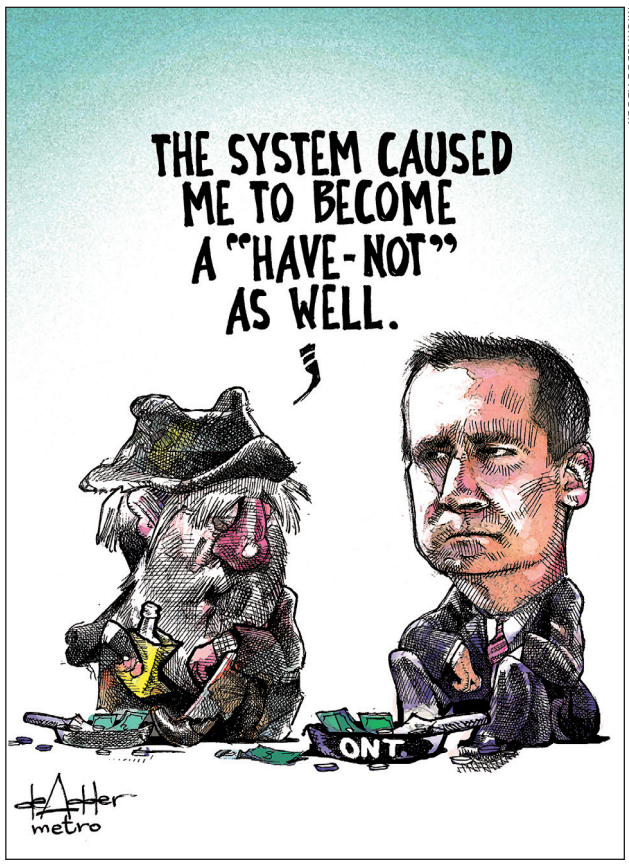

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Letters

Dwight Kenney, TANTALLON

Incredible. Nova Scotia Power wins again! Every time NSP asks for a rate increase, the NS Utility and Review Board caves.

Rodney MacDonald loves this because a power rate increase delivers more tax revenue. It makes one wonder — who are these people on the Utility and Review Board, and to whom are they beholden for their jobs?

Nicholas J. Varmazis

Re: In memory of duty done (Nov. 7)

I am a World War II veteran and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. I read Rick McGinnis' article about Remembrance Day and found the story interesting and moving.

He wrote, however, at one point, when his father joined, only Britain and the Commonwealth countries were fighting the Axis powers. This is not true. Greece was on the side of the Allies at that time, fighting the invading Italians and winning.

John Cartwright, TORONTO

Re: The answer is blowin' in the wind (Nov. 10)

Drs. Suzuki and Faisal are right on the money. The main reason Canadians have not yet done anything significant to stop climate change is political will.

Governments are supposed to represent the will of us — the people who get to elect them — in the way we choose to organize ourselves as a society.

Stopping climate change is the crisis of our time and we have a choice. We have to start now to do the work that should have begun 10 years ago — demanding that governments stop subsidizing polluting energy and instead invest in renewable energy infrastructure. It's not good enough to sit back and watch as the good jobs continue to disappear while others prepare their economies for the 21st century.

Word on the street: In tough economic times, what's the one luxury you can't give up?

Maureen Pope
Halifax

A: My car. I just can't imagine not having it. I can't stand taking the bus.

Colin Fraser
Halifax

A: Coffee. I just love it too much. Everything else can go.

Jack Whalen
Halifax

A: Cigarettes. I've tried and tried to quit, but to no avail.

Carolyn Bennett
age 28, Toronto

A: (Liquor). It's a sad answer but it's true. Because wine helps you relax, particularly in tough economic times, and helps you unwind.

Lisa Per
age 36, Vancouver

A: Fresh organic food. I would keep spending my money on fresh food and vegetables. Choosing a healthier option, even if it's more expensive, it's worth it.

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Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel:

Daily cup of coffee: 19%
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St. Pierre to fight The Prodigy
Canadian Georges St. Pierre will defend his UFC welterweight championship against lightweight champion B.J. (The Prodigy) Penn at UFC 94 on Jan. 31 in Las Vegas, the UFC confirmed yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICESS

Sports

Lincecum takes NL Cy Young

The San Francisco Giants' Tim Lincecum won the National League Cy Young Award by a comfortable margin yesterday, taking home pitching's highest honour in only his second major league season. The 24-year-old right-hander was 18-5 with a 2.62 ERA and a major league-best 265 strikeouts in 2008.

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Higgins, Staal pull tricks

NHL RECAP

Senators 0 Canadiens 4

VS

Christopher Higgins recorded his first career hat trick and Carey Price was perfect between the pipes as Montreal had its way with Ottawa in a 4-0 decision at the Bell Centre.

Price logged 28 saves for his first shutout of the year and fourth of his career, while Guillaume Latendresse registered the other goal for the Canadiens, who were coming off back-to-back losses for the first time this season.

Higgins recorded a short-handed tally 7:22 into the opening period, as he broke free from the left side and beat Auld one-on-one with a wrister.

The game remained 1-0 through most of the second before Montreal scored two goals in 1:28.

Sergei Kostitsyn corralled a rebound from the right slot and fed Higgins on the opposite side for the relatively easy stuff past an off-balanced Auld with 5:49 to go in the frame. Less than a minute and a half later, Latendresse's quick shot off a faceoff from the left circle caught Auld by surprise as the disk sailed over the goaltender's left shoulder.

REUTERS/SHAUN BEST

Christopher Higgins scores one of his three goals on Alex Auld during the first period last night.

PENGUINS 7, WINGS 6 (OT)

Jordan Staal used a natural hat trick to ignite a Pittsburgh rally in the third period and then set up Ruslan Fedotenko's goal 3:49 into overtime, as the Penguins overcame a three-goal deficit and captured a dramatic 7-6 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in a rematch of last season's Stanley Cup Finals at Joe Louis Arena.

The Penguins trailed 5-2 in the third period, but Staal scored three goals in the stanza, including the game-tying tally with 23 seconds remaining, to help the Penguins to their fourth consecutive victory. Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Maxime Talbot also scored for the Penguins, who will open a three-game homestand on Thursday against Philadelphia. Marc-Andre Fleury finished with 28 saves in the win. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hargreaves done for season

SOCCER Manchester United and England midfielder Owen Hargreaves has been ruled out for the rest of the season because of a knee injury, the Premier League champions said yesterday. The Calgary-born Hargreaves underwent successful surgery on his right knee and will have surgery on his left knee in two weeks' time after being troubled by tendinitis since arriving at Old Trafford in July 2007. The 27-year-old former Bayern Munich player has started just two matches this season. He began less than half of last term's games but did play in United's Champions League final win over Chelsea.

Hargreaves

REUTERS

Mike Benevides shovelling off to Toronto?

YorkReport

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A defensive co-ordinator who literally carries a shovel with him at team meetings in B.C. is a top candidate to become the new head coach of the Toronto Argonauts.

In fact, sources tell Metro that, if Michael (Pinball) Clemons rejects ownership's wish for him to leave the Argos' presidential office and return as head coach, Lions defensive co-ordinator Mike Benevides would be the club's leading choice. Benevides has served as an assistant coach in the CFL for the past nine seasons. This is his first season as the Lions' defensive co-ordinator and his unit has excelled, boasting seven divisional all-stars. The defence suffocated its opponents while upsetting the Roughriders at last Saturday's Western semi-final, and Saskatchewan quarterback Michael Bishop wound up being cut this week.

Should the Lions upset the Calgary Stampeders in the Western final this Saturday — B.C. is a six-point underdog — Benevides would become an even hotter commodity. The Stamps, after all, feature an explosive offence, including the CFL's most productive running back (Joffrey Reynolds) and most productive receiver (Ken-Yon Rambo). Benevides is a Toronto native, incidentally. He studied business at York University, as did Argos co-owner David Cynamon. Benvides also is a workaholic, as he told interviewer Christie Buono (yes, the daughter of Lions head coach Wally Buono) at B.C.Lions.comTV. He said he arrives at the Lions' headquarters daily at 3 a.m. and works till about 7 p.m.

Oh, and about the shovel. Sources say he keeps it handy to remind his players they need to keep digging. Call it a motivational tool, I guess.

• You were warned in this space Oct. 22 about the possibility of an all-Alberta Grey Cup in Montreal Nov. 23.

Well, Calgary and Edmonton need only to win their Saturday games from making this highly unlikely matchup a reality, although the Eskimos are six-point underdogs against the Alouettes for the Eastern final in Montreal.

And when the Esks last visited the Als, on Sept. 21, they were annihilated 40-4. And, oh yes, the Esks allowed six sacks.

Edmonton head coach Danny Maciocia is denying the Sept. 21 game took place. Call it a motivational tool, I guess.

• The Stamps swept B.C. in three games this season, averaging 35 points and 445 yards.

That, however, isn't preventing Lions sackmaster Cameron Wake from predicting a B.C. upset on Saturday.

"We don't think nobody can stop us, that's how we feel," Wake said. "It doesn't matter what you do and what scheme it is. Pick your poison — lethal injection, firing squad or electrocution. You're dead either way."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Not a stretch

• A new University of Nevada study debunks traditional views about stretching, claiming certain stretches before exercising may actually reduce performance and safety instead of enhancing them. For details, visit rehabpub.com.

Indians legend Score dies

BASEBALL Herb Score, the Cleveland Indians pitcher and former broadcaster, died Tuesday. He was 75.

Score died at his home in Rocky River, Ohio, the team said in a statement.

Score had been in a wheelchair since suffering a stroke in 2002, four years after he was seriously injured in a car accident. A hard-throwing left-hander with a big fastball and big heart, Score pitched for the Indians from 1955-59. He was named the American League Rookie of the Year in 1955 after going 16-10.

He went 20-9 in 1956 and was twice named to the American League all-star team.

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QMJHL

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Cape Breton	15	5	1	31
Saint John	12	9	2	26
P.E.I.	10	10	3	23
Bathurst	9	10	5	23
HALIFAX	**7**	**14**	**0**	**14**

TOMORROW'S GAMES
HALIFAX at Rimouski
Acadie-Bathurst at Montreal
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Saint John at Gatineau

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Accolades for Huskies

The Saint Mary's Huskies swept Atlantic University Sport football players of the week yesterday. Rookie quarterback Jack Creighton took offensive honours, while linebacker Ryan King earned the defensive nod and defensive back/returner Joel Lipinski was selected on the special teams side. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tough road ahead for Mooseheads

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The rookie-laden Halifax Mooseheads will embark on a gruelling road trip tonight in Rimouski, Que.

The Mooseheads, who are on a six-game hiatus from the Metro Centre, play the first of four games in five days tonight at 8:30 p.m. against the Rimouski Oceanic.

It's a tough test for a team that has started the season 7-14 with 14 points, tied for 15th in the QMJHL.

"It's not an easy part of the game, but it is part of it," said forward Eric Louis-Seize. "It's tiring, being on the bus for 12 hours and playing the next day. It can take its toll."

The Mooseheads will face two Memorial Cup-calibre teams, the Oceanic tonight and the Quebec Remparts on Sunday, and two lower-level teams, the Baie-Comeau Drakkar on Friday and the Chicoutimi Sagueneens on Saturday.

They have played 13 of their 21 games at the Metro Centre and haven't had an extended road trip all year.

"That's where the boys bond, on the bus," said top-line left-winger Yuri Cheremetiev, a fourth-year veteran.

"We're always talking, telling stories, and it's always a lot of fun."

The Mooseheads have lost back-to-back games, a step back from the .500 record they posted the previous 10 contests.

"It's going to be a challenge, but I think it's going to unify all of the players together," said Louis-Seize, who is from Rosemere, Que. "It's going to be good for us."

Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell said he will decide today whether rookie Mathieu Corbeil or 20-year-old Mark Yetman will start in goal against the Oceanic.

Forward Matt Boland (shoulder) is getting close to playing and will be a game-time decision tonight.

For additional Mooseheads coverage, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles

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Yuri Cheremetiev thinks the road trip will do the team well.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Lower Sackville's Nkem Ezurike finished as Canada's top scorer at the FIFA under-17 women's World Cup. The 16-year-old scored twice at the tournament, including Canada's lone goal on Saturday in a 3-1 loss to Germany in the quarterfinals in Auckland, New Zealand.

JUNIOR A HOCKEY The Halifax Lions lost 5-3 to the Bridgewater Lumberjacks last night in Maritime Junior A Hockey League before a crowd of 250 at the Halifax Forum. Brad Ross, Jonathan McArthur and Wayne Bedecki scored for the Lions, 4-17-2.

HOCKEY Former Dalhousie Tigers forward Mathieu Melanson was named East Coast Hockey League player of the week yesterday. He had four goals and three assists in two games for the Mississippi Sea Wolves last week.

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Glavic likely out for Mitchell

Erik Glavic may return to practice today, but he remains a long shot to play in another game this season.

The Saint Mary's Huskies star quarterback has not been on the field in gear since making a brief comeback attempt from major knee surgery in a Sept. 19 game.

He has been all but ruled out for Sunday's Mitchell Bowl national semifinals against the Western Ontario Mustangs in London, Ont.

"He's probably going to go out and run around a bit," head coach Steve Sumarah said.

> **"We can't let our emotions control the decision, we just have to be smart with the decision."**
> Steve Sumarah on Eric Glavic

"I'm not sure there's anything to it yet, but I think he's going to go out and give it a whirl."

Rookie Jack Creighton was outstanding in place of Glavic last Saturday, earning game MVP honours as the Huskies beat the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the Loney Bowl.

When asked what Glavic would have to show to unseat Creighton at this stage, Sumarah replied, "A lot."

"We can't let our emotions control the decision, we just have to be smart with the decision," Sumarah said.

"To be honest with you, I still think we're a long way away from there."

MATTHEW WUEST, METRO HALIFAX

Rainmen continue to pour foundation

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Halifax Rainmen co-owner Andre Levingston appears unfazed by the loss of top draft choice Walter Moyse.

"We're better now than we were last year, already," Levingston said, after reviewing his roster.

"We have a solid, solid nucleus and the players to make us an exciting team." The 6-foot-10 Moyse, a much-ballyhooed second overall pick in the Premier Basketball League draft, has taken a full-time teaching job instead of playing for the Rainmen.

The Rainmen signed three players on Monday — point guard Kevin Hammack, forward Cordell Jeanty and 7-footer Tyronne MacNeil — to give them a seven-man roster.

Levingston sounds most excited with Hammack, a 6-foot-3 grad of the NCAA Division 1 Citadel Bulldogs.

"When we watched him in his videos, he had me out of my seat," he said.

"I got on the phone with coach (Rick Lewis) and said, 'We gotta have this kid. He's our point guard.'"

Hammack, David Bailey, Rob Sanders and returnee Brian Silverhorn form the team's nucleus. Levingston wants to add two shooting guards, a big man and re-sign Eric Crookshank. Fan-favourite Kadiri Richards is also in the mix.

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Instead of travelling to Italy next year, why not spend your money on a ticket to the Renaissance? The University of King's College is taking highlights from its famous foundation year program and packaging them for the general public in The World of the Renaissance.

The four-month winter course, which is available in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa and online, is the final section of the King's Seminar. It looks at "the most significant development since humans first began to associate with one another in cities at the dawn of civilization;" namely, the creation of modernity about 500 years ago in Western Europe.

The course is the brainchild of former King's president Colin Starnes. He says the Renaissance was born out of the failed intellectual projects of the Medieval period.

"(Those ideas) didn't work so badly that they had to find something else. What they found — separating church and state and working out how the world will look if you organize it that way — is really building the world that we're still in."

Knowing where we've come from is critical to understanding where we are, says Starnes. He speculates the world is on the verge of a similar transformation.

The course, which largely attracts professionals and retired people, explores the minds of Leonardo Da Vinci, Galileo Galilei and William Shakespeare, among others. King's top professors cover the Reformation, the conquest of the New World and the formation of modern science. "There's a whole lot of juicy stuff," says Starnes. "The boundaries between the departments of the university just dissolve."

Starnes says the beauty of the course is a very Renaissance ideal: People are there purely to learn.

"I don't even give them a little piece of paper that says they took it. They don't care about that!" he laughs. "What these people want is a way to get a hold of these basic, beautiful, formative works of the West and a way to understand them."

Classes are held once every two weeks, plus tutorials. The professors are based in Halifax and fly to Toronto and Ottawa biweekly.

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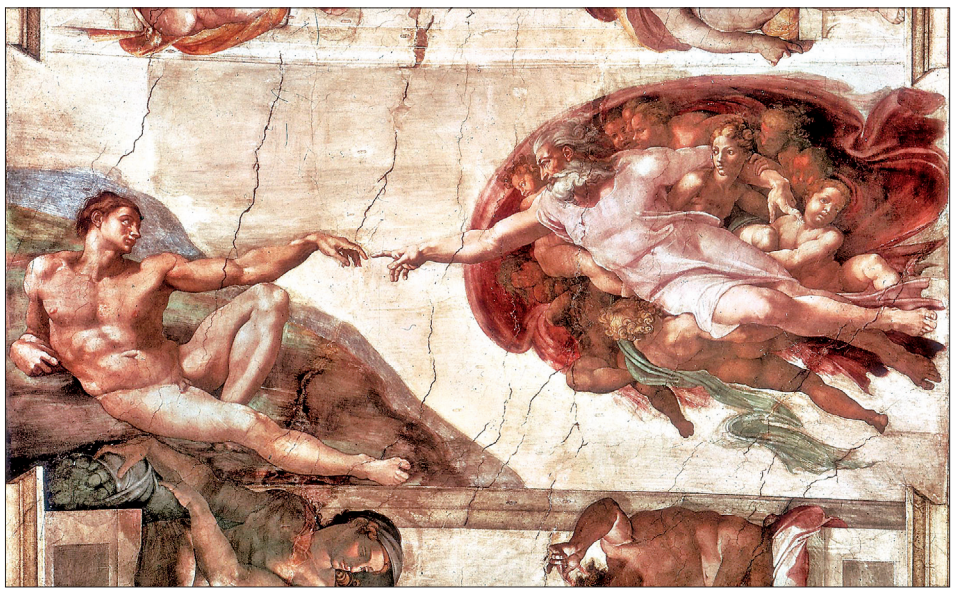
Colin Starnes on the program



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What reality TV says about us

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TELEVISION You can learn a lot from reality television, not just the fact that we love to watch lousy shows.

Just ask Fernando Andacht, a professor in the University of Ottawa's communication department. The expert in semiotic theory applied to media analysis is planning to do a socio-semiotic study of reality television shows to get a better idea of human behaviour in North America and how people react to given situations.

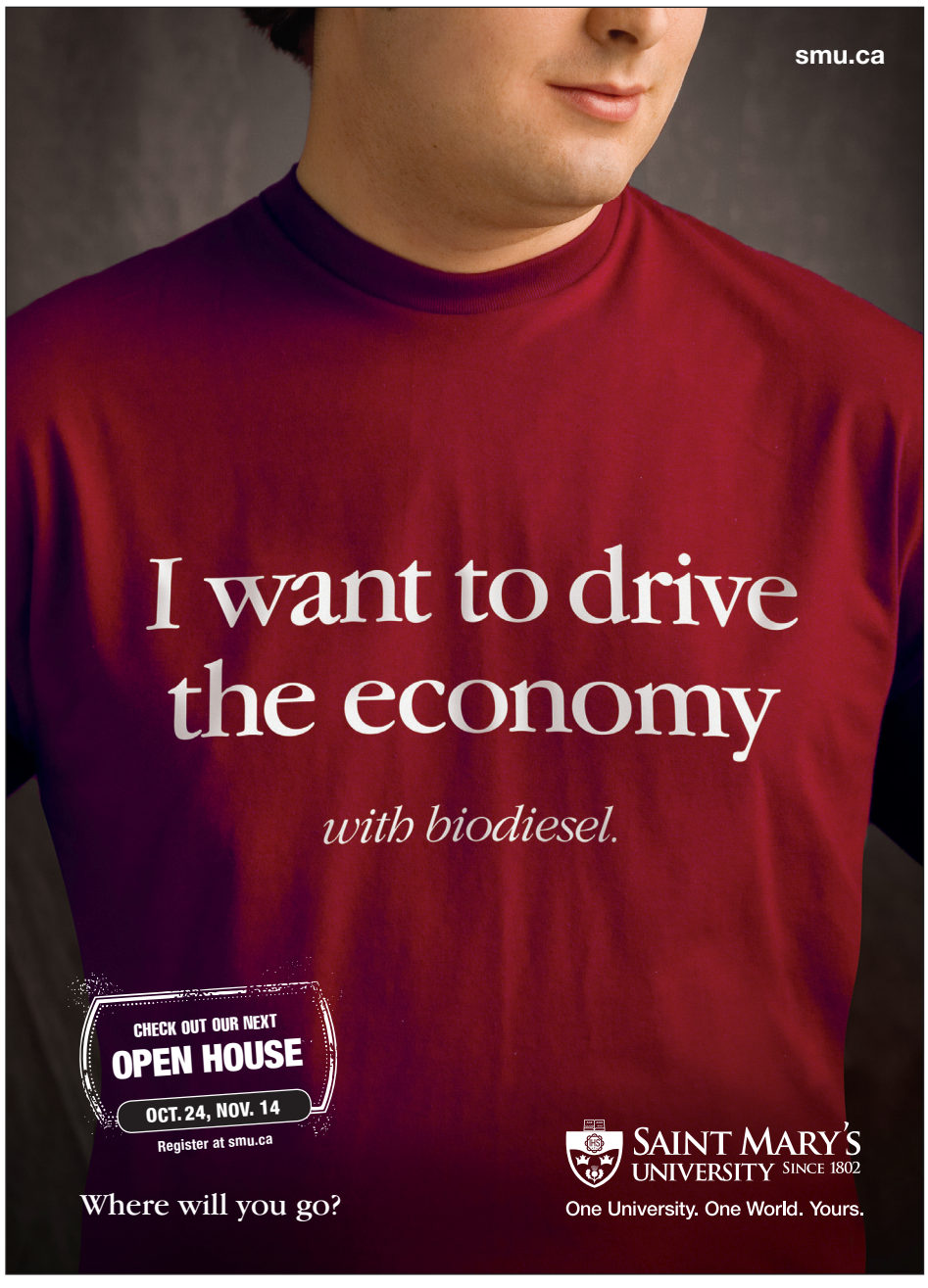
Andacht agrees contestants or "characters" for such shows are screened for certain traits like sex appeal and confrontational natures. But while such situations are contrived in the interests of making more sensational television, the participants' initial reactions to these situations are not: A facial tick, a subtle gesture, or an ever-so-slight rise in the voice are all open windows into how different personalities deal with different situations.

"To assume these people are normal is a mistake. It's not the average person who gives up their privacy in this way," says Andacht. "But on these shows, there is no time or space for rehearsal. There is no backstage. In spite of the best intentions to contrive, the body will speak. You cannot fake blushing, for example. You cannot get rid of body language. It makes the mask very close to the reality."

It's not a new subject for Andacht: In 2003, the professor published an analysis on human behaviour based on the Brazilian, Argentine and Spanish versions of the reality franchise Big Brother. The cultural difference was significant, he said. While the Brazilian participants had more of a propensity to air their grievances on the spot, Spanish and Argentine contestants kept their complaints to the show's confessionals.

But the viewer interest across cultures remained the same, the reason for which Andacht calls the Index Appeal. Whether they realize it or not, viewers tune in not just for voyeuristic purposes, but to learn about themselves.

"Is it rubbish programming? Of course," he said. "But people observe it with great attention. They don't do it because they're stupid, but because they want to learn about themselves. As a viewer, you're part of it, too. It comes very natural to people to ask, 'What would I do in this case?' They see that the concerns are real and they ask questions about themselves."



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NSCC enjoys big enrolment boom

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Canada

More students than ever are getting their career training at the Nova Scotia Community College, and the vast majority of them are Nova Scotia students who will stay here for their career.

"It's certainly a good indicator historically in terms of track record and where we hope to be going in the next few years," said Jamie Hilts, the school's academic vice-president.

"It's actually bucking a bit of a trend nationally."

Enrolment at NSCC's 13 campuses across the province is up 5.9 per cent this year. Hilts said administration expected an increase, but not quite that much. The college now boasts more than 10,000 students — double the enrolment from a decade ago.

Hilts says more than 90 per cent of students come from Nova Scotia. The bulk of graduates — 93 per cent — will stay and work in the province after they finish.

As enrolment grows, so are the programs NSCC offers. The school issues certificates in professions like dentistry and engineering, along with trades like bricklaying and auto repair.

"I think learners are looking at colleges as a viable option (compared) to the university route," Hilts said. "There's not just jobs, but there's careers."

Last year the school expanded it's practical nursing program at six campuses. Hilts says that will help out a health-care industry desperate for workers.

"There's a huge demand in the province of Nova Scotia and in Canada as a whole," he said.

There are plans to let practical nursing grads move on to universities for a bachelor of nursing. Hilts says universities and colleges should work together to provide education, rather than battling each other for every student.

> **"I think learners are looking at colleges as a viable option."**
> Jamie Hilts

NSCC is working on a number of "flexible delivery models" for classes. With students flung across the province, and other older students already holding down jobs, they have to bring the courses to the learners.

"It could be online learning," the vice-president said. "It could be part-time studies, evenings, weekends, summers … We're hoping to make ourselves more available (and) more accessible so every learner in the province in able to access their educational program."

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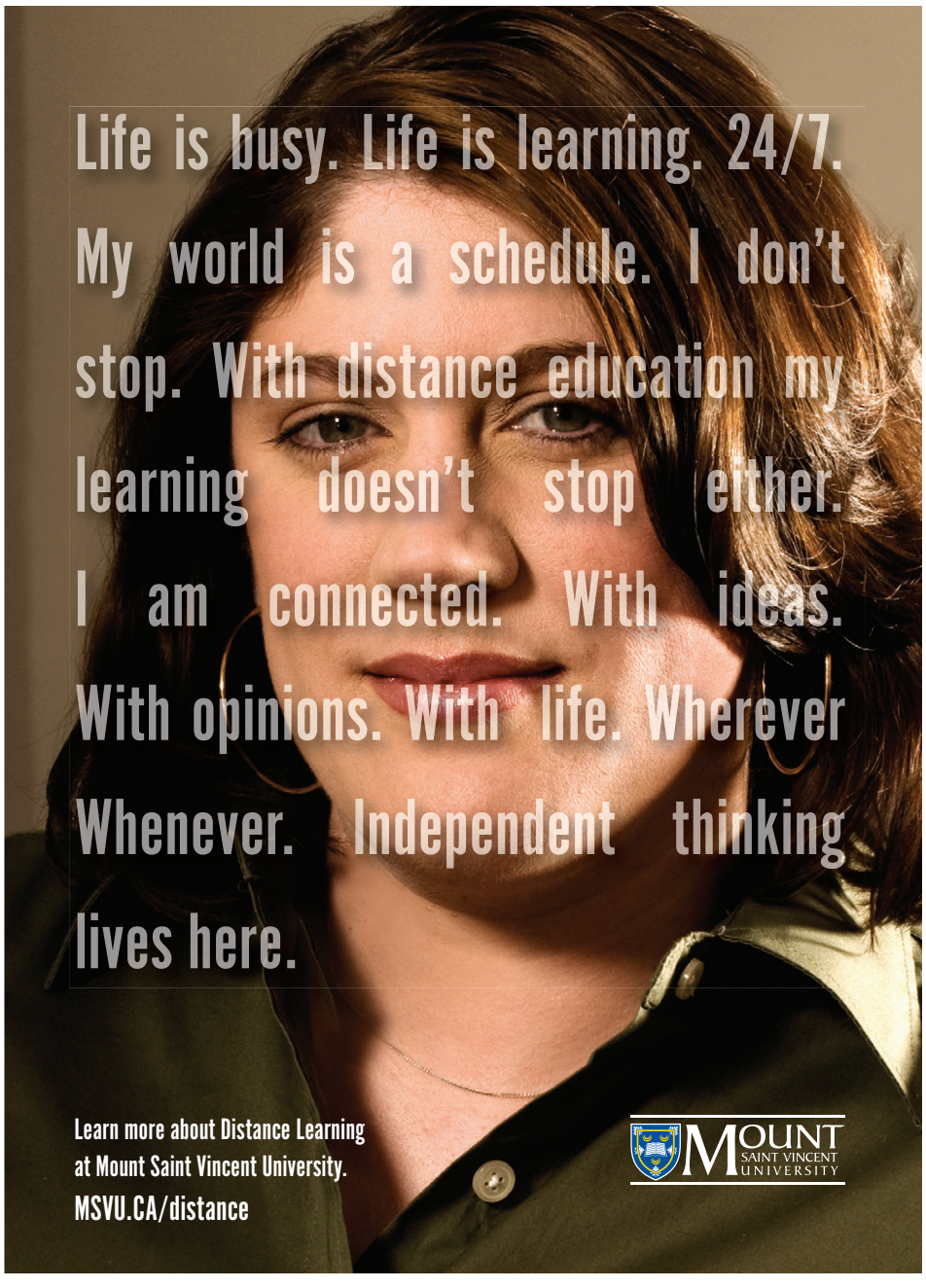

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Grammarian to the rescue

DEVIN STEVENS
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The University of King's College is trying to make the transition from high school to university writing a bit easier, hiring the school's first ever grammarian-in-residence to help students along.

"I don't think they realize how important (grammar) is," says Milo Stening-Riding. "In your mother tongue, you absorb the grammar."

Stening-Riding, a Swedish native who speaks a half-dozen different languages, holds workshops once or twice a month and also helps students one-on-one.

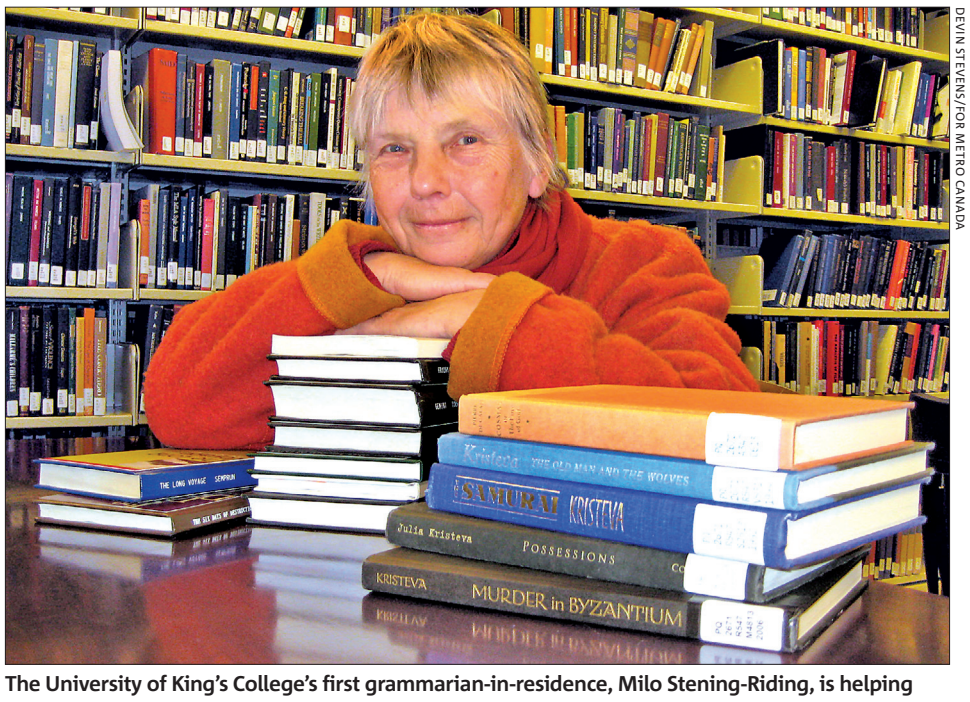
"(Grammar) is an important tool when you read complicated texts," she says. "And for writing, there are different ways of expressing things."

For the most part, grammar is no longer taught in schools. Then there's the Internet, which Stening-Riding sees as a marvelous tool, but one that eats away at the rules of language.

"You see stream of consciousness coming in," Stening-Riding says. "No attention is paid to paragraphs and constructing an argument. You just kind of get it off your mind and you send it."

Daniel Brandes, associate director of King's Foundation Year Program, says that early in the year, students struggle more with grammar than with the substance of a text.

"We're trying to think of ways to try to address basic problems in grammar early on in the year so they'll be writing university-level papers sooner," he says.



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The University of King's College's first grammarian-in-residence, Milo Stening-Riding, is helping students write papers at the university level.

Brandes says the role of grammarian-in-residence may change slightly throughout the year, depending on how things go.

Besides punctuation, Stening-Riding says she's trying to teach the basics of how English works, the different parts of language, and how words are created.

Students can have trouble, she says, because the rules of grammar are always shifting. In English, the way the language is used dictates the rules, and not all grammarians agree. For example, Stening-Riding says there's a debate over split infinitives. Some language experts say they're perfectly acceptable, while others hate them.

After her workshops and tutoring, Stening-Riding wants students to be precise in their writing, using the word that exactly expresses their thought.

"It's just sort of to drill into the language so they can realize how expressive it can be," she says.

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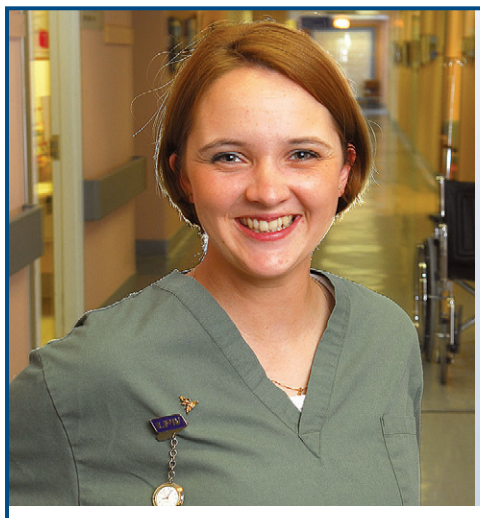

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Best beaches

Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, a.k.a. a. Dr. Beach named Caladesi Island State Park in Dunedin/Clearwater, Fla. as America's top beach of 2008. Hanalei Beach on Kauai, Hawaii took the No. 2 spot, and Siesta Beach in Sarasota, Fla. came in at No. 3.

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ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

The familiar melody of Bob Marley's best known tune, One Love, floats through a lovingly-groomed garden setting as I arrive at the Bahamas' newest resort and spa.

Opened in June, the 16-suite, oceanfront Marley Resort & Spa was once the family's vacation home, and it was the vision of Rita Marley, the late cultural icon's wife, to turn it into an upscale boutique resort complete with fine dining and an intimate spa called Natural Mystic — a name chosen from Marley's huge repertoire of songs.

The spa is small, with three treatment rooms, a wet area, outdoor lounge, locker room and a manipedi area, but it packs a big spa experience. I especially liked the couple's treatment room, with its own double bath, rain shower and private lounge, and the outdoor wet area — called Wata (the African word for "water") Passage — offering hot and cold plunge pools and semi-private Asian bath.

The vibe here is a fusion of African, Caribbean and Asian, with pretty much everything holistic and nature-inspired — including products made with natural ingredients. I had the Mocha Rum Wrap, and the therapist blended the ingredients — real Bahamian rum and all-natural local honey — right in front of me as I sat sipping a freshly-squeezed juice cocktail while more of Marley's feel-good music wafted through the air.

At the other end of the size scale, the luxurious Bali-inspired Mandara Spa at Atlantis offers 47 treatment areas at its two-level refuge from the mega resort's Vegas-meets-Disney environment. Rich dark woods, comfortable furnishing, water features and a prevailing sense of calm provide the yin to the yang of the bustling Atlantis casino.

From the spa's extensive menu of services I enjoyed the Lime and Ginger Body Scrub which turned out to be more of an impressively-administered full body treatment than a mere scrub.

For those looking for something extra special at Mandara, I'd recommend the Villa Bathing Rituals offered in a beautiful spa suite built for two, or the combination day packages with captivating names such as Cleito's Tropical Tryst and Poseidon's Awakening.

Somewhere in between the intimate and the grand is Red Lane Spa, the spa brand for Sandals Resorts. Shortly after settling into my butler-attended suite at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Spa Resort, I boarded the luxury resort's ferry to Sandals Key, a private island a mere three-minute cruise from the pier.

This is where guests will find Red Spa's Zen Garden, one of three spas at this "luxury included" resort. A collection of thatched huts serve as treatment rooms and relaxation areas, and the Zen Garden hugs one end of this tiny island. Away from the pool and dining area, it's a quiet space nothing more than the sound of the Atlantic Ocean massaging the island's sandy shores.

The Zen Garden offers a limited menu — one outdoor shower, four thatched treatment huts, and a Zen-like lounge — but despite its tiny size, it offers a special experience and is a perfect complement to the main resort spa.

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Belize's hidden jungle jewels

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Ruins tend to incite the imagination, conjuring up thoughts of ancient civilizations, lost secrets and mystic rituals. That's running through my mind as I stroll through the moss-covered ruins of a major Mayan city, located in the remote jungles of northern Belize near the tiny town of Orange Walk.

Lamanai, located on the banks of the New River Lagoon, goes down as one of the longest-occupied Mayan sites. It was inhabited for over 3,000 years and has some of the oldest ruins in Belize. The name itself means "submerged crocodile," in honour of the toothy reptiles that infest nearby waters.

My guide tells me that, in its heyday, Lamanai was a ceremonial centre, with a population exceeding 35,000. Today it encompasses over 700 structures, a visitor's centre and a museum.

Today only a small percentage of the site is fully excavated, leaving a wealth of archeological findings to discover.

While many associate Mayan ruins with Mexico, neighbouring Belize also played a big part in Mayan civilization. Visitors can visit Lamanai as part of an organized tour, which usually includes a boat trip, admission fee and a well-trained guide.

Wandering around the ruins, I can hear the faint cry of a Howler monkey growling in the distance. It's one of those unmistakable sounds — more like a pained, demonic snarl out of Dante's Inferno than the noise of a territorial primate hanging from a nearby tree. Nevertheless, it adds to the air of mystery.

With the entire place to myself, I visit the Jaguar Temple, a huge crumbling pyramid with intricate carvings. Then to the Mask Temple, named for the 13-foot limestone representation of an ancient Mayan king.

But it's the High Temple that's easily the most impressive structure. "At 108 feet, it's the highest structure in the area," notes the guide.

Climbing to the top of it, however, is harrowing. The steps are narrow and slippery, while the steep incline incites vertigo. I cling to a rope (strategically placed there so dumb tourists like me don't trip and kill themselves) and nervously make my way up this ancient stone Stairmaster.

"Slow and steady," I tell myself, as I huff and puff up the ruins. Tumbling down this flight of steps would be bad for business.

Once at the top, the view makes up for the climb. It's a striking 360 degree panorama of jungle and river lagoon.

As a colourful keel-billed toucan flies overhead and settles in a canopy of rainforest, it hits me — it's no wonder that the Mayans lived here for thousands of years. It's a stunning spot with a killer view, and it showcases the beauty of Belize.

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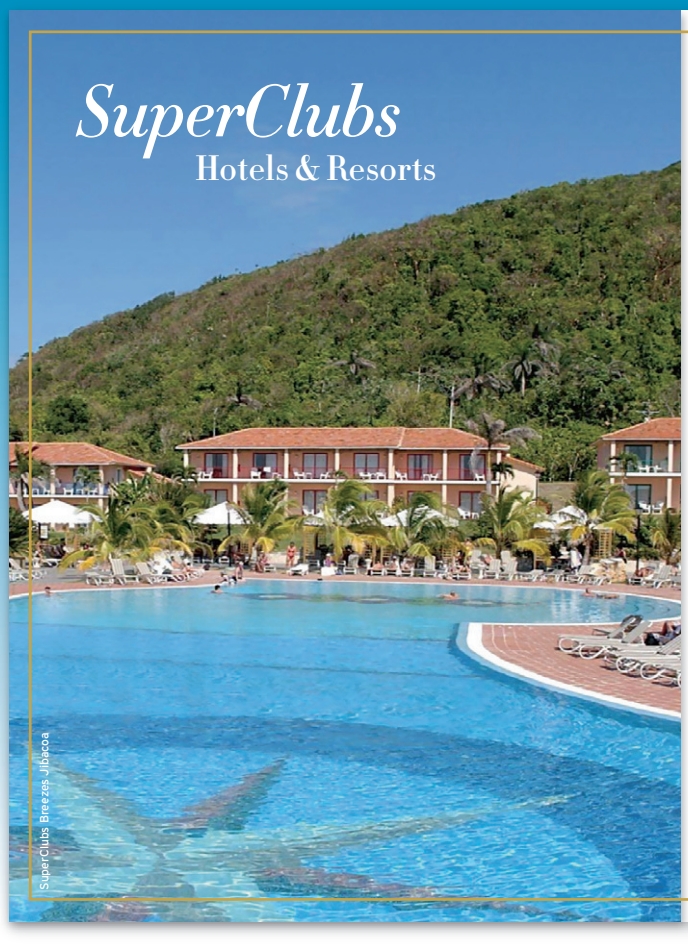

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Aston Martin DBS: Licensed to thrill

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Unfortunately there are no rocket launchers in the new James Bond car. The Aston Martin DBS that Bond drives in Quantum of Solace, (in Quantum Silver of course), doesn't even have a defibrillator hidden in the glove-box like the last model.

In fact, the nearest thing to a Bond gadget are the B&O speakers that emerge from the dash when you start the ignition. Even the Jaeger-LeCoultre watch that remotely turns on the lights and unlocks the car is available to all real-world DBS owners.

Still, you can live without an ejector seat when the car's this fabulous. Several stunt Astons were trashed during the chase sequences for Quantum, but this DBS is one of just three 'hero' cars that were kept intact.

To fire it up, you need to engage what Aston calls the 'emotion control unit.' Sounds pretentious but that's what you're doing — plug this stainless steel and sapphire starter fob into the dash and your heart jumps as it lets rip a mighty, throaty roar.

To remind you of your sophisticated choice of vehicle, 'beauty power soul' appears on the speedo as the engine starts to rumble.

And while the handcrafted interior complete with piano black leather and solid aluminum is alluring, really it's the engine that's the star here.

A gentle nudge and James Bond's car is launching me through the country roads around Aston's factory in central England and with the close gears, I'm eagerly testing the car's cornering, which of course is immaculate. This car might look and feel heavy, but it's agile, and in its sports mode, it stiffens up like an adrenaline-pumping panther ready to go in for the kill.

Which is basically what the car does on command. With acceleration like this it's easy to see why one of the Quantum of Solace stuntmen ended up taking off into Lake Garda in one of these cars.

You can't buy this car, of course, but you can own your own DBS if you want to drive like James Bond. Just don't forget that MI6 won't be picking up your bill if you dent it.

Aston Martin DBS

Price: from $293,400
0-100 kmph: 4.3 sec
Top speed: 307 km/h
Engine: 6 litre, V12
Fuel Consumption: 16.4 l/100 km

Read more about Bond cars at metronews.ca/halifax/live/automotive

Emma E. Forrest test drives the Aston Martin DBS, the very same car driven by Daniel Craig in latest Bond movie Quantum of Solace.

Toyota Tacoma gets friendly

PHILIPPE CROWE
for Metro Canada

Toyota's Tacoma was given the nickname "Taco" by my colleagues — a testament to how quickly Taco made friends. Like an easy-going buddy, a longtime comrade, it was always there, ready to help for any task at hand.

Our Tacoma was powered by a 4.0-litre, 24-valve, DOHC V6, with Variable Valve Timing with Intelligence (VVT-i) technology. Output sat at 236 hp at 5,200 rpm and 266 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm, put to the ground through a five-speed automatic gearbox and a robust four-wheel drive system. In a traditional fashion, this 4WD setup offered the selection of 2-HI, 4-HI and 4-LOW electronically at the flick of a switch.

The Taco's V6 has the power needed to more than adequately carry out any of our staff's tasks, with the added benefit of requiring far less fuel than V8-powered competitors.

Parking this long truck was a lot easier than one might think, helped equally by the great view out the back, the Toyota's narrow design, and, mostly importantly, the wonderfully tight turning radius.

Our mix of city and highway driving produced overall fuel economy numbers averaging between 13.2 and 14.5 L/100 km.

2008 Toyota Tacoma

Type: Truck
Price: $40,470
Engine: 4.0-litre, 24-valve DOHC V6
HP: 236

Highlights

- Practical
- Quality interior
- Great visibility

Robbins to sue New York officials

Tim Robbins is set to take legal action against New York officials after he was nearly denied a vote on U.S. election day, accusing them of publishing his address while trying to "cover" their mistakes. The actor went to his polling station in Manhattan on Nov. 4 only to find his name wasn't on the list of voters. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Guest stars

The Hills stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt will guest star on an episode of the CBS sitcom How I Met Your Mother that will air in January.

PEOPLE.COM

Tams ready to make his own music

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Theo Tams appreciates all the fame and notoriety that Canadian Idol is bringing him since winning the popular reality show back in September.

But the 23-year-old is also looking forward to a future away from the show as he makes his own musical identity with a debut album set to be released in late March.

"It's kind of hard on the show when you have a minute and 30 seconds each week to show what you're about," Tams said in a recent phone interview from Toronto. "I think the album is going to be a little bit of a throwback. There's going to be some tunes that are a little more Motown, a little bit retro. We're just playing with beats and really, really cool vibes."

Tams, who is from Lethbridge, Alta, is in the early stages of a cross-country Canadian Idol tour, which includes himself, runner-up Mitch MacDonald of Port Hood, and third-place finisher Drew Wright of Collingwood, Ont.

The tour began on Sunday in Fredericton and has a stop tonight at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 8 p.m.

On his debut album, Tams is a co-writer for most of the songs, something he feels is important for him to become more than a one-year Idol wonder. The album's first single will be released in January.

"That's kind of where it is in the business right now. You need to have things to say and you need to be able to write them down to make a good song," said Tams, who wooed the Idol audience with his strong voice and stellar piano playing.

"At the end of the day, whether you're from Idol or not, a good song is a good song."

With the Idol tour, Tams, MacDonald and Wright will perform together, then each do their own set of cover songs. Tams will play a couple of songs he performed during Idol, including the winner's single Sing.

"We're all really different and that's what creates such an interesting dynamic. Not only musically are we different, but just as people," Tams said.

"I'm usually the one who is nervous and stressed out. Mitch is always really, really relaxed and Drew is always really focused."

CTV PHOTO

Canadian Idol winner Theo Tams performs in Halifax tonight.

If you go

- WHAT: Canadian Idol Top 3 Tour, featuring Theo Tams, Mitch MacDonald and Drew Wright.
- WHERE: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- WHEN: Tonight at 8 p.m.
- TICKETS: Cost is $61.50 and $37. Phone 494-3820 or visit artscentre.dal.ca.

Entertainment in brief

THEATRE Dartmouth Players' new production Crazy For You premieres tonight at 8 p.m., and runs through Nov. 29. Performances take place Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and $12. For more information, call 465-7529 . METRO HALIFAX

Caine, A'Court to perform as part of cancer fundraiser

MUSIC Derek Caine has the figure he wants and hopes the public will help get him to it. The lead singer of Little Derek and the Haemo Blues Band is hosting a charity fundraiser tomorrow to help raise funds for leukemia patients with financial challenges during treatment.

Titled Leukemia Live Country, the concert at Rodeo Lounge in Dartmouth features Charlie A'Court, Chris Cummings and Steve Waylon, and will see all proceeds going to the Little Derek Leukemia Fund. Caine who was diagnosed with Leukemia five years ago, has raised over $90,000 for the fund, which he hopes will grow past $100,000 with a successful show tomorrow night.

"I need 500 heads through that door (tomorrow)," said Caine, whose band will also be performing. "If I get 500 through the door, I have raised $10,000."

The show begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door.

For more information, visit haemoblues.com.

— PHILIP CROUCHER

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Father of Sopranos actor talks
Former Sopranos actor Lillo Brancato Jr. should be cleared of the murder of a New York police officer because he wasn't carrying a gun when the officer was shot, according to the star's father. IMDB.COM

James Bond has licence to thrill overseas

Daniel Craig as James Bond

MOVIES The old adage about the movie business being recession proof was certified — at least for now — over the weekend as the international moviegoers greeted a new James Bond entry well above even the wildest expectations.

Quantum of Solace, the 22nd installment in the 007 saga, pulled in $107.1 US million from 58 markets, lifting the film to a two-weekend total of $161 million following last week's kickoffs in the U.K., France and Sweden. The overseas action augurs well for Friday's domestic blastoff.

With the exception of Turkey, Solace easily took the No. 1 spot in all the markets it played.

Obama daughters get Hannah invite

TV U.S. President-elect Barack Obama's two young daughters have been invited to appear on popular kids television show Hannah Montana, actor Billy Ray Cyrus said.

Cyrus, the father of Hannah Montana star Miley Cyrus and also an actor on the hit show, said the show had asked Malia, 10, and Sasha Obama, 7, to take part in an episode possibly around April. REUTERS

From Aston with love

Becoming **Bond**

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DEAN JORDAN PHOTO

Rick McGinnis behind the wheel of an Aston Martin DBS at Grand Touring Automobiles in Toronto.

There has been a James Bond car as long as there's been a James Bond. While it took three movies for 007 to get handed the keys to his tricked out Aston Martin DB5 with the machine guns and ejector seat, Ian Fleming had a scene in the very first Bond book, Casino Royale, that reads like a stirring treatment for a pulse-pounding movie car chase.

The most heartbreaking moment in the recent movie version of Casino Royale wasn't the death of Bond's true love, Vesper Lynd, but a scene where Bond's Aston Martin DBS V12, the latest successor to the DB5, goes ass over teakettle on a deserted road, flipping a record-breaking seven times before coming to a rest in a crumpled heap. I can't help but remember that scene now as I stare at a brand-new DBS sitting in the showroom at Grand Touring Automobiles, the first one I've ever seen in real life.

Dean Jordan has been selling Aston Martins for years, and recalls doing the auto show circuit the year after James Bond was reunited with Aston Martin when Pierce Brosnan got behind the wheel of a Volante and a Vanquish in Die Another Day. "All the kids know who you are — it's a very good way of advertising you as a company. As a product placement it's brilliant. James Bond has always been synonymous with Aston, so it's only appropriate that he drives one. It's been very good for us over the years."

The DBS he shows me has been sold, but Dean lets me sit in it, and pops the crystal "key" into the ignition to show off the engine for a brief second, as the showroom fills with a growling animal roar. Like the other 6,500 Aston Martins produced a year, the DBS is completely handmade, a luxury auto built around a race car's guts, and it has the compact closeness of a real sports car, enveloping you in the driver's seat without making you feel cramped. The DBS I'm sitting in — just one of five Dean sells a year — will cost you $300,000 plus taxes, but it won't take car seats, so I tell him that's the deal breaker.

"As Bond hurtled round the bend, caressing the great car against the camber with an easy sway of body and hands, he was working out his plan of action when the distance between the two cars had narrowed still further." This is Bond pursuing Le Chiffre in Casino Royale, though he's not driving an Aston Martin but a Bentley; it's one of the little secrets of Fleming's Bond that his private car is more associated with chauffeured sedans than racing thoroughbreds, but the Bentley name, like Aston Martin, was once a hallmark of the British racing circuit.

Like the Aston Martin, the Bentley is a handmade car, loaded with luxury options, and probably a bit overpowered for most of its buyers. "A lot of the clients who drive them want to drive it because it's a Bentley," says John Koutoulakis, a Bentley salesman at Grand Touring. "They don't care how fast the car will go, even though the cars will go 200 mph or more. They don't care that it's an all-wheel drive vehicle. They care about the presence and the name."

If Bond were in the market for a runabout, he tells me, he'd be buying a GT Speed, the souped-up version of their marquee 2-door model. Inside, it feels like a five-star hotel room, all custom leather, wood and metal, but the 600 horsepower engine can do over 200 MPH. Starting price for a 2008 model is $220,000, but with options it'll end up costing around $300,000, though John says they have flexible leasing options. Car seat anchors, he says, are standard.

We walk out onto the lot and he opens the door to a silvery white GT, telling me that he'll take the wheel for a few blocks, then let me drive it back. I'm probably blushing when I tell him that I don't have a license – I don't even know how to drive – and he tactfully conceals what I can only call a look of dismay. My quest to become Bond, hobbled as it was, ends in a final, resounding humiliation, but not before I let John open up the engine and lunge gracefully into traffic with me in the passenger seat.

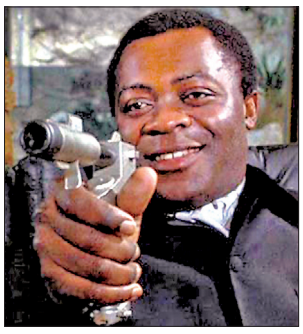
Villains doomed when they cross James Bond

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Villains always meet their ignominious demise in the James Bond movie series, and their dooms are often followed by a witty quip by Britain's near-invincible superspy.

That said, here's a look at some of the most horrid — and amusing — bad guy deaths in the 007 franchise.

- **Boris Grishenko (Goldeneye):** This Russian computer expert gets his due for aiding the evil rogue agent Alec Trevelyan when he yells, "I am invincible!" shortly before being frozen solid by a leaking liquid nitrogen tank.
- **Oddjob and the Cuban assassin (Goldfinger):** Two electrocutions in this film. Before the opening credits, Bond dispatches a Cuban assassin by tossing him into a bathtub, then adding an electric lamp. 007 then quips, "Shocking." During his battle with Oddjob, Bond uses a live wire to channel a lethal current through Oddjob's razor-sharp bowler hat.
- **Milton Krest (Licence To Kill):** Slimy henchman Krest has a falling out with Sanchez, his druglord boss. Sanchez traps Krest in a high-pressure chamber, where his head inflates and explodes all over a pile of stolen drug money. Licence To Kill was a particularly brutal flick: A henchman gets fed to a shark, another is tossed in a giant drawer full of maggots, and a young Benicio Del Toro is chopped up by a cocaine grinding machine.
- **Elliot Carver's henchman (Tomorrow Never Dies):** An assassin adds some red toner when he's thrown into a printing press. Bond says, "They'll print anything these days."
- **Dr. Kananga (Live And Let Die):** During an underwater fight Bond feeds the crime lord a capsule of compressed air, causing him to turn into a bursting balloon. The quip, "He always did have an inflated opinion of himself."



Dr. Kananga in Live And Let Die.

Polanski to be honoured
Roman Polanski will be honoured at this month's Turin Film Festival in Italy. The Nov. 21-29 event will feature a full retrospective of the Oscar-winning filmmaker's work. **IMDB.COM**

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Steve Tunzi, Toronto

Toronto Breaks

"His red shirt caught my eye and the late-afternoon sun made everything sparkle ... I was trying to capture the colour, solitude and hard work of a gentleman and his urban jungle."
Dave Cheresna, Toronto

Keep Off My Lawn

Metro's Global Photo Challenge has drawn 3,890 entries from Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Halifax, and 55,389 international entries. The Top 10 photos are on display at the CN Tower until Nov. 16. Vote for your favourite shot online at **metronews.ca/photochallenge** until Nov. 23. An international jury will judge the Top 5 photos, and the winner will receive a Nikon D700 DSLR and Nikon 24-70mm F2.8 zoom lens. The photos above are details of the entries. Visit the website to see the full image.

Superheroes to battle for People's Choice Awards

Superheroes Batman and Iron Man and adventurer Indiana Jones, will battle for top film honors at the upcoming People's Choice Awards which annually bestows honors on favorite celebrities in film, TV and music.

Among nominees named on Monday for People's Choice Awards was pop star Britney Spears who earned a nod as a "scene stealing" guest star on television but was shut out of music categories.

The People's Choice Awards, which will be given out on Jan. 7, are one of Hollywood's earliest shows in its season of honors leading to the Oscars, the film industry's top prizes.

But unlike the more prestigious Oscars or any of the many other honors given out by entertainment groups, People's Choice winners are voted on by movie, TV and music fans.

Australian actor Heath Ledger was nominated with his The Dark Knight co-star Christian Bale for best on-screen matchup, as well as in the favorite cast category for the Batman movie released after Ledge's accidental death in January. Ledger played the villainous Joker to Bale's heroic Batman.

Iron Man star Robert Downey Jr. and Bale were also nominated for favorite male action star, while Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull will fight it out with The Dark Knight and Iron Man for the favorite movie and favorite action movie award.

New categories for this year's 35th Annual People's Choice Awards include favorite superhero, favorite TV drama diva, favorite film cast, favorite scene-stealing guest star and favorite star under 35.

Spears, 26, is nominated for her two guest appearances earlier this year in the TV sitcom How I Met Your Mother in which she played a sassy office assistant.

But Spears does not appear in the music categories, which are dominated by Rihanna, Alicia Keys and Carrie Underwood on the female side. R&B star Chris Brown had most mentions in the male music sections.

The four singers were also among the favorite under 35 year-old nominees, along with teen favorites Daniel Radcliffe, Miley Cyrus, Zac Efron, Chace Crawford, Shia LaBeouf and Justin Timberlake.

The winner will be chosen by a public online vote at the pcaVOTE.com Web site through Dec. 7.

The awards will be handed out in Los Angeles in a live TV broadcast on the CBS broadcast network.

REUTERS

Heath Ledger is nominated with Christian Bale, his The Dark Knight co-star, for a People's Choice Award for best on-screen matchup.

Boyden wins $50K Giller Prize

LITERATURE Toronto-raised author Joseph Boyden was awarded the Giller Prize last night at a televised gala in his hometown.

Boyden, won the award, the richest in Canada for fiction, for his second novel, Through Black Spruce. Boyden now lives in New Orleans.

Joseph Boyden

Rawi Hage, Marina Endicott, Mary Swan and Anthony De Sa were also on the shortlist for the $50,000 prize.

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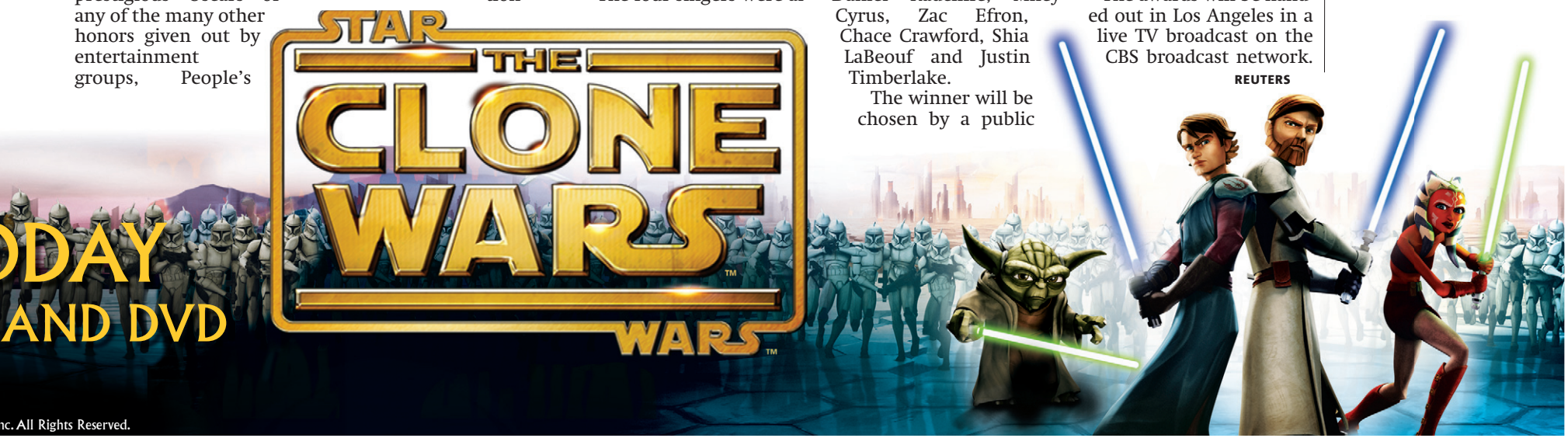

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Fox's wife to make appearance

Actor Michael J. Fox's wife, Tracy Pollan will appear in three episodes of Medium's fifth season. **EW.COM**

GETTY IMAGES

Singer Britney Spears' son, Jayden, suffered an allergic reaction.

Spears' youngest son released from hospital

Pop star Britney Spears' two-year-old son, who was hospitalized over the weekend after he had a reaction to something he ate, has been released from a Mississippi medical facility, according to a reportMonday on celebrity website TMZ.com.

Earlier in the day, Spears' family posted a statement on her official website, www.britneyspears.com,

The family said Jayden James was admitted to the hospital Sunday, and "doctors concluded he had a reaction to something he ingested."

The statement said the boy would be discharged on yesterday, but TMZ posted a picture of Spears departing the hospital while holding the child

People magazine, quoting a source close to the family, said that Jayden had suffered "a terrible allergic reaction. He had hives, was itchy and irritable."

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Salman Rushdie, Deepa Mehta bring it home

FILM Canadian director Deepa Mehta is collaborating with Salman Rushdie on a big-screen adaption of the author's 1981 historical novel "Midnight's Children."The book, which earned the Booker literary prize, portrays the history of India from 1910 to a declared state of emergency in 1976.

The story is narrated by a young man born on the stroke of midnight Aug. 15, 1947, the day India won independence from Britain. Indian actors Shabana Azmi and Nandita Das, who starred in two earlier Mehta films, "Fire" and "Earth," are on board to star in the project.

Both Mehta and Rushdie were born in India, with the filmmaker eventually moving to Canada and the novelist to Britain.

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Teaming up

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THAT'S WHAT DVD BOX SETS ARE FOR: I've made a point of insisting since I began writing this column four and a half years ago that I watch as little TV as possible. Readers — and even friends — have told me that they envy my luxurious life, lounging around watching TV all day; far from it, I have far too much else going on (writing features, raising kids, pretending to be James Bond) to waste it vegging out in front of the tube like some depressed jobless grad with an arts B.A.

Michael Chiklis

And frankly, I think it would harder to write this column — and a lot less fun to read it — if I did it from a position of being held hostage to a host of fave shows and compulsive nightly surfing up and down the dial, which would inevitably feel like the aesthetic equivalent of Stockholm Syndrome. There's a lot to watch on TV these days, and I can only imagine how much easier it would have been to do this job in 1973. A conscientious columnist would be obliged to watch as much crap as quality, and if there's one thing I'm not it's a conscientious TV columnist.

One unfortunate side effect is that I miss a lot of good shows, and readers frequently write in to bug me about it. One of those shows is The Shield, the FX cop drama starring Michael Chiklis that's nearing the end of its seventh and final season. It has a large and loyal audience that regard it as on a creative par with The Sopranos, Deadwood and Mad Men, and they've frequently asked — in sometimes unkind language — why I've ignored it for so long.

I can tell you why, and this paragraph from a Salon.com story on the show's coming finale pretty much sums it up: "There are so many different chess pieces in play at this point, sometimes it's tough to keep up. Mackey is manipulating his longtime enemy, councilman David Aceveda (Benito Martinez), his ex-wife, Corinne (Cathy Cahlin Ryan), FBI agent Olivia Murray (Laurie Holden), the Mexican drug cartel, fellow Strike Team loyalist Ronnie (David Rees Snell), his former boss detective Claudette Wyms (CCH Pounder) — the list goes on and on. But Mackey is so good at what he does — double-dealing, backtracking, using whatever he can as leverage against anyone with any power, rethinking his plan, recalibrating his approach."

There is, let's be honest, no way I'm going to cut through that thicket of backstory and exposition and appreciate what's going on as the show heads for the bloody climax that many of us (mistakenly) predicted for The Sopranos. It took a Herculean effort of Googling and YouTube searching to get up to speed with the last two seasons of The Sopranos, and now that the deluxe complete box set of the HBO is coming out, I can finally go back and enjoy the early seasons that I missed because a) I wasn't writing a TV column and b) I wasn't watching much TV, which is sort of where I came in, here. That said, I'm looking forward to a bricklike box set of The Shield at some point in the near future which will let me agree, quietly and in the dark of some sleepless night, that my readers were right.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY
	69	69	69	CFTM TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Occupation	Poule-oeufs or	Destinées		Les Soeurs Elliot		TVA 22 heures
	6	6	6	CIHF Entertainment	ET Canada	The Guard (N)		Bones (HDTV PA) (N)		House (HDTV)		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk (N)	Hollywood	You Can Dance		CSI: NY "Dead Inside"		Criminal Minds (N)		News (N)
	10	10	10	ELTV Swap Shop (Live)		Fuelin' Around	Au Natural (N)	Doc Talk	Fuelin' Around	EastLink Television		
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)		House (HDTV)		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)		Life "Black Friday" (N)		Law & Order
	29	29	29	NW World News	Business	CBC News	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		Human Spider
	4	4	4	PBS-B NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Greater Boston	Ask This Old	Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (HDTV) (N) (DVS)				Monarchy-Royl
	35	35	35	PBS-D NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Worldfocus	Secrets of the Dead		Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (N)		
	68	68	68	TQS (6:30) Le Retour (SC)		Chemin du golf	Loft Story	*Derrière les lignes ennemies* ★★ (2001, Action) (SC)				110 pour cent
news	23	96	96	BNN Business News	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Workopolis TV	Business News	Squeeze Play		Market Call
	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
sports	54	54	54	GOLF Big Break X: Michigan		Women's Brit. Open H-L		Inside PGA	Golf Central	Lessons	The Approach	School of Golf
	52	52	52	RSE Prime Time Sports		Darts World Premier League.				Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Con.
	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Toronto Raptors. (Live)					Score Tonight	Score Tonight
	45	45	45	SPD Unique Whips		Pinks	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks	Pinks Outtakes	Wrecked
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	Interruption	2008 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction			NHL Pregame	NHL Hockey
family	43	43	43	FAM Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School
	44	44	44	TOON 6teen	Total Drama	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	The Critic
	26	26	26	TREE Max & Ruby	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Nght Grdn	Friend Rabbit	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch
	27	27	27	YTV Drake & Josh	iCarly	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Malcolm-Mid.	Fresh Prince	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Death Grip"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Parking Wars
	70	70	70	APTN News		Canadian Geographic		The Gift of Diabetes		APTN National News: Contact		Tribal Treks
	50	50	50	BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)				Brothers to Brutha Sneak		Keyshia Cole	Keyshia Cole	Comic View
	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Desperate Housewives		Berkeley	Bravo!Videos	Wingfield	Letters	Arts & Minds
	25	25	25	CMT CMT's Greatest		Cheerleaders	Cheerleaders	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	House Party
	153	153	153	COURT Missing Link		The Investigators		Cops Uncut	Dumb Criminal	Special Forces		Investigators
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Cash Cab (N)	Destroyed	Monster Moves		Mayday
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Unsellable	$1M Listing
	46	46	46	HIST Bloody Normandy		NCIS "Heart Break"		Finding the Fallen		Finding the Fallen		NCIS
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	201	201	201	M1 *The Brothers Solomon* ★		(8:15) *The Rival* (2006, Suspense) Tracy Nelson.				*In the Valley of Elah* (2007, Drama)		
	48	23	23	OLN The Amazing Race 5		Ed's Up	Videos	The Amazing Race 13		Ed's Up	Adventures	Word Travels
	51	51	51	PEACH Seinfeld	Friends	House-Payne	House-Payne	*The Bourne Supremacy* ★★★ (2004, Suspense) Matt Damon.				Steve Harvey
	206	206	206	PIX (6:45) *A Family of Cops* (1995)			(8:20) *Breach of Faith: Family of Cops II*			*For Your Eyes Only* ★★★ (1981, Action)		
	67	67	67	RDI RDI en direct	RDI en direct	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct
	39	39	39	SHOW EastEnders	Saxondale	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Durham County		Billable Hours	G-Spot	Starter Wife
	40	40	40	SLICE Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Last 10	Bulging Brides	Work Out		Housewives
	47	47	47	SPACE Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Lost "One of Them"		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Battlestar Galactica		Ghost Hunters
	14	14	14	SPIKE CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: NY "Buzzkill"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed (N)		Ult. Fighter
	57	98	98	STAR FashionTele	Look-A-Like	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		TMZ (N)	etalk (N)	Paris Hilton's My New BFF		Tonight Show
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Purity Balls
	56	34	34	TROP Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210		Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	20	20	20	TV5 Que.-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire		*Passe-Passe* (2008, Comédie) Nathalie Baye.			Fils de justi	Partir
	28	28	28	V Side Effects		Murder, She Wrote		Summer Wine	Dinnerladies	Darling Buds of May		Enigma
	60	97	97	VIVA Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		The West Wing		Mediums
	22	22	22	W House	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery Bag	Maxed Out	Supersize vs. Superskinny		Got the Look
	251	251	251	WGN Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)		Stylista (N)		WGN News

critics' corner

CSI: NY
Finding a nice place to live in the New York metropolitan area can be a challenge. Just ask the CSIs. This week, they investigate the brutal murder of a house relocator who was found dead inside an old Victorian that was being barged from Staten Island to the Upper East Side. The crime leads them to the world of "Secret U," an art-house world of true confessionals where 20-somethings divulge their darkest secrets, with deadly results. 9 PM on CJCH

The 42nd Annual CMA Awards
Oh, my God, they nominated Kenny! And nominated him again! Kenny Chesney is the man to beat at this year's awards honoring country music's best. He's got seven nominations, including entertainer of the year and single of the year for "Don't Blink." 9 PM on ABC

Criminal Minds
Looking back on your childhood is usually filled with happy memories of pony rides, birthday parties and playing catch in the backyard. But not for Dr. Reid. This week, the good doctor embarks on his own investigation into the murder of a boy in Las Vegas years earlier that he strongly believes has a connection to his own childhood in "Memoriam." 10 PM on CBS

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McCartney's daughter to sing in Shrek 4

Sir Paul McCartney's five-year-old daughter is to sing in the new Shrek 4 movie. The music legend is voicing a character and writing a song for the latest instalment in the hit animated franchise. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Richards admires Madonna's energy

PEOPLE Denise Richards says seeing 50-year-old Madonna perform her Sticky & Sweet tour over the weekend was "amazing," usmagazine.com reports.

"You feel lazy watching her because you gotta get off your butt and just work," the actress said.

Richards added that the singer (who recently announced her divorce from Guy Ritchie) "is really an inspiration for everyone."

Meanwhile, Richards said she can't wait to get behind the camera to film the second season of her E! reality show It's Complicated.

"You know, there's not much to tell. We start filming in January, and we're all very excited to start up again," Richards said. "As my life changes, Season 2 will be different because different things happen, and it's a reality show."

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Washington criticizes Grey's

CONTROVERSY Former Grey's Anatomy star Isaiah Washington, who was axed from the show in 2007 after spewing a homophobic slur at T.R. Knight , is slamming the show for firing Brooke Smith, usmagazine.com reports.

"I looked at a brilliant actress, whom I have adored since I first saw her in Silence of the Lambs," he says in the Nov. 17 issue of TV Guide. "For her to be treated this way, I find very interesting."

Grey's creator Shonda Rhimes released a statement last week insisting that "Brooke Smith was obviously not fired for playing a lesbian .... we did not find that the magic and chemistry with Brooke's character would sustain in the long run."

Regardless, Washington says the move was harsh.

"The fact is that, just before the holidays, you have a mother, a wonderful actress removed from a steady income without the proper reasoning behind it ...," he says.

So what can the show do? "Bring Burke back!" Washington says.

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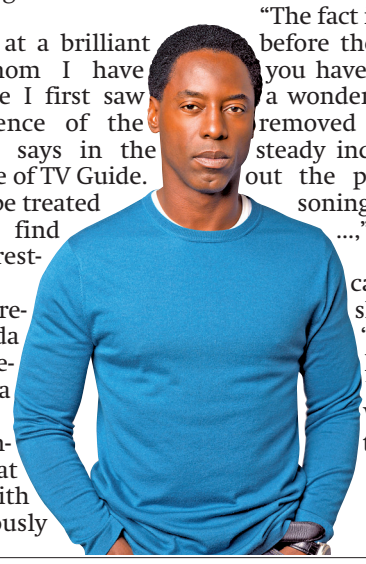

Beyoncé inherits style from mom

FASHION Beyoncé's sense of style comes from a source close to home — her mother Tina, who owned a hair salon and taught the young Beyoncé how to dress well and save money, People.com reports.

"She'd get us little jackets and we'd go to an art supply store and we'd get stones and glitter and we'd personalize a lot of our clothes," Beyoncé, 27, said in an interview in the premiere issue of The New York Observer Style.

"She taught me the importance of looking good and feeling good, but also that beauty comes from within, because it fades."

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

We all have to take our inspiration from somewhere, and apparently **Denise Richards** is taking hers from a really sinewy and annoying woman who stalks around on stage shrieking, wearing huge platform boots and pretending to play the guitar. And I'm not talking about **Avril Lavigne**, I'm talking about **Madonna**. When it comes to women who inspire, I'm afraid **Mother Teresa** just wasn't quite fabulous enough.

So I suppose we should all wish Richards luck with that whole pumping iron, taking steroids, embracing a dubious belief system and turning into a man thing, and on the shooting of the second season of her reality show, It's Complicated. The show isn't actually that complicated, but it has managed to make television critics unanimously put forth the name of the inventor of the fast-forward button for sainthood. I mean, how many ways can anyone think of to communicate the idea that **Charlie Sheen** was a bad husband and father? Even Charlie Sheen doesn't argue that point. Watching It's Complicated actually fills you with a sense that Denise is doing the impossible and besmirching the name "reality show." It really should be called an "inanity show."

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Halliwell breaks up with boyfriend

RELATIONSHIPS Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell has dumped her boyfriend Ivan "Flipz" Velez over the phone, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Halliwell reportedly called the backing dancer three weeks ago to tell him she was ending their six-month romance.

"She called 'Flipz' when she returned to the U.K. from Los Angeles and confessed that things just weren't working for her," a source said.

"Geri said she'd hoped it would be an amazing love-of-her-life romance, but that the spark just wasn't there."

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Craig is ready to purchase house

PEOPLE "Daniel Craig is planning to buy a permanent home because he is so fed up of living out of a suitcase, imdb.com reports.

The James Bond star has been staying in hotels for the past two years due to his hectic work schedule.

But Craig now feels the time is right to set up a base.

"I just haven't had the time to buy anywhere," Craig says. "I'm hoping to get somewhere more solid this year."

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Winehouse fed up?

RELATIONSHIPS Amy Winehouse is reportedly at "breaking point" over her husband's friendship with another woman, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who hasn't seen Blake Fielder-Civil since his release from prison last week, is said to be devastated after discovering he told Sophie Schandorff he was leaving jail early to enter a rehabilitation clinic before he broke the news to her.

"When Amy found out Blake had been in contact with Sophie it was the final straw," a source close to Winehouse told Britain's The Sun newspaper. "Amy hasn't visited him in rehab and is refusing to take his calls. It looks like it's over but we've been here before. He's talked her round plenty of times before."

Fielder-Civil is apparently convinced his year-long marriage is in good shape.

"We'll be together for the rest of our lives," he said. "She hasn't dumped me. We both love each other and will be together forever. We have spoken on the phone and I'm expecting a visit from her any time now. We can't wait to be back together."

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Is Bloom ready to settle down?

MARRIAGE Actor Orlando Bloom and his supermodel girlfriend Miranda Kerr are reportedly making plans to marry, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"They are talking about settling down and getting married in a year," a source told Star magazine. "They have had a bit of a crazy year, but they do love each other and she wants to be his wife."

Kerr has been spotted wearing a collection of expensive jewelry, most of which had reportedly been bought for her by Bloom.

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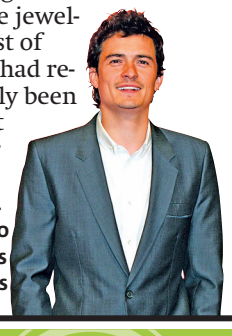

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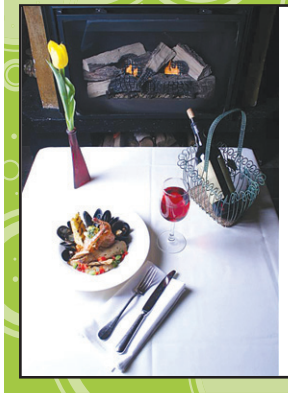

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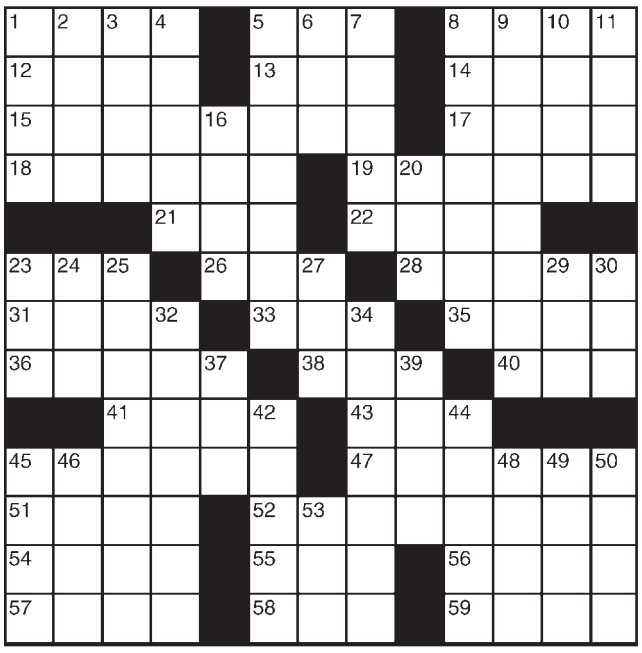

Crossword across

1 Secure place for valuables
5 Hair-salon application
8 Celeb
12 PC picture
13 Bullring bravo
14 You
15 Misled
17 Cupid's alias
18 Appeared to be
19 Show-biz skill
21 "Of course"
22 Unrivaled
23 Pretense
26 Cauldron
28 Suburbanites' pride
31 Wonka's creator
33 Japanese theater
35 Racetrack boundary
36 Fat-shunning Jack
38 Boxer
40 "Yippee!"
41 Physical
43 Affirmative action?
45 Clyde's partner
47 Envisioned, in a way
51 Lotion additive
52 Grain machine
54 Frees (of)
55 "Norma —"
56 Gambling game
57 Santa's sackful
58 Antiquated
59 Pornography

Crossword down

1 Perches
2 Rue the workout
3 Golfer's warning
4 Adversary
5 Mark of game-show fame
6 Sprite
7 Some turns
8 Outstanding
9 Trilateral
10 A billion years (Var.)
11 Whatever's left over
16 Sob
20 "You've got mail" co.
23 Billboards
24 Upper limit
25 Elegy
27 Surpass
29 Peeples or Vardalos
30 Crafty
32 Negligence
34 Ten times ten
37 Skater Babilonia
39 Cheney predecessor
42 Paris subway
44 Classroom array
45 Homer's son
46 Medley
48 Throat-clearing sound
49 Options list
50 Jog
53 "2001" computer

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Stir-Fried Beef with Mango

INGREDIENTS:
14 oz (400 g) lean steak, trimmed of fat
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp (5 mL) sugar
2 tsp (10 mL) soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) sunflower oil

GINGER AND HONEY DRESSING:
2 tsp (10 mL) paprika
1/2 tsp (2 mL) cayenne
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) honey
1 inch (2.5 cm) piece of fresh ginger, peeled and grated
4 tbsp (60 mL) rice vinegar or apple cider vinegar
Juice of 1 lime

SALAD:
1 mango, peeled and cut into strips
2 plums, sliced
1/2 medium red cabbage, shredded
2 oz (60 g) watercress leaves
1/2 cucumber, cut into matchsticks
1/2 red pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips
3 scallions, sliced diagonally
1 1/2 oz (45 mL) mixed fresh mint and cilantro
2 tbsp (5 mL) coarsely chopped roasted unsalted peanuts

METHOD:
1. For dressing, put paprika, cayenne, honey, ginger and vinegar in a saucepan over medium heat. Slowly add 1 cup (250 mL) water, stirring, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in lime juice; set aside.
2. Combine salad ingredients, except peanuts, in a large serving dish and toss gently; set aside.
3. Cut steak into thin strips and put in a bowl with garlic, sugar and soy sauce. Mix to season strips. Heat nonstick skillet over high heat. Add oil and beef. Stir-fry until strips are evenly brown and cooked to taste, about 3 minutes.
4. Spoon beef over salad. Drizzle dressing over and sprinkle with peanuts.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A doubtful contender makes a move forward. Compatible people will melt away emotional blocks. Relationships with neighbours will interest you.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
People will accuse you of overdoing things. You'll see profound changes going on. Someone will need to kiss and tell about it.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Cunning and eagerness is found among peers. You'll get somebody's back up. Prepare to stand your ground.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A social group takes over and gets special treatment. Observe co-workers to see who is going wrong. Memory loss will give some relief.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An impressive event will cost big bucks. A melodramatic person will be frowned upon. A peculiar associate is on pins and needles.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A messenger will mess up. An idealist's heartbreak causes weepiness. A supporter has regrets due to amnesia.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Think seriously about what you should be doing. A man comments on your expectations. Someone will ask to borrow money.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A cynical person ends a scheme. A former foe is still shaky after what you did. A nuisance must be stopped.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A passionate person's difficult behaviour is justified. A strange demonstration will shock you. A negative reply causes a standoff.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Provide relief when it's expected. Restrain your temper with disorderly people. The game is over for an old-fashioned guy.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A get-together will change your life for the better. You must be determined to succeed. A dilemma is followed by a turnover.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A banking problem makes someone anxious. You should quit while you're ahead. Meetings with progressive people will take place.

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1. Animal park bug (1)
2. High card locale (up a sleeve?) (1)
3. "The View" host Behar's composure (1)
4. Make fun of a stew container (1)
5. Ungracious winner's small engines (2)
6. Irritate Hansel's fairy tale sister (2)
7. Football punter's dupers (2)

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